



**BLUE
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Tip #64

ASTERISKS AS ELLIPSES

QUESTION

When is it appropriate to use asterisks as ellipses?

ANSWER

This is not proper under *The Bluebook*.

Rule 5.3 explains that an ellipsis is “three periods separated by spaces and set off by a space before the first and after the last period.”

OTHERS

Other sources appear to use asterisks as an ellipsis to more clearly indicate an omission or to indicate that a full paragraph has been omitted.

Is anyone aware of local rules requiring this form of ellipses?

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