Breaks In Speech

Directions: Add the missing punctuation to each dialogue line. Use **em dashes** for interruptions and **ellipses** for pauses. Pay close attention to where the speech is cut off or trails away.

Rewrite each sentence using em dashes to show interruptions.

1. "If you would just listen to me I can explain" Alex said as Jordan cut him off.

2. "I was going to tell you about the plan but" Mia began before Riley interrupted.

3. "Wait I think I saw something in the" Harper started until Sam jumped in.

Rewrite each sentence using ellipses to show a pause in the character's speech.

1. "I thought the directions said we should turn left but now I'm not so sure" Kade murmured.

2. "Maybe we should just take a break and" Lila whispered before slowing her thought.

3. "I want to say something but I'm not sure how to begin" Jonah admitted.

Create Your Own: Write one interrupted line and one paused line of dialogue.

Interrupted line: _____

Paused line: _____