

Guide to symbols that may be used in a transcript

Symbol	Used when...
-- (--)*	The speaker makes an aside, a false start or changes tack
--- (--)*	Another speaker interrupts someone, and when they speak over each other; or an unfinished sentence
(?)	The transcriber thinks they can hear the word uttered but is not 100% sure
(#### ## ??)	The transcriber thinks they can hear the words (phrase or sentence) uttered but is not 100% sure
(inaudible)	The transcriber cannot hear the word or words uttered clearly enough to even use a (?)
(sic)	The transcriber is aware that the speaker made an error

*(--) there are instances when the use of a single -, or triple ---, can be displayed as just a double --. This is an anomaly and the real meaning will depend on the location (ie, if at the end of the line it is an interruption; if in the middle of a line it is false start or change of tack)

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