Ellipses

A. Directions: Read the sentences. Rewrite them using ellipses.

1. “Oh I thought you were talking about” Kai hesitated when he saw the look on Jane’s face.
   “Oh . . . I thought you were talking about . . .” Kai hesitated when he saw the look on Jane’s face.

2. Don’t forget to bring the the well, you know what I mean!
   Don’t forget to bring the . . . the . . . well, you know what I mean!

3. “But I wanted to tell you oh, never mind,” Joe said.
   “But I wanted to tell you . . . oh, never mind,” Joe said.

B. Directions: Write two sentences—one using ellipses to show a pause in speech in dialogue and one using ellipses to show an unfinished thought. Example sentences are provided.


2. “Oh, I thought you knew about the party . . .”