

Alan Peat Sentences Checklist

Sentences	Example	Rule	✓
Set 1			
1A sentence	The man is walking his <u>fluffy</u> dog	One adjective before the noun.	
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All the w's	Would there ever be another opportunity like this one? Who would take over this role now? What if you had all of the money in the world? Why do zebras have stripes?	Who? What? Why? When? Where? What if?	
List sentences	It was a dark, long, leafy lane. She had a cold, cruel cackle. It was a cold, wet, miserable Wednesday afternoon. His hair was long, brown and unwashed .	A list sentence must have 3 or 4 adjectives before the noun. Use <i>and</i> between the final 2 adjectives.	
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As -ly	As the rain came down heavily , the children ran for shelter. As the wind screamed wildly , the lost giant lumbered along the path. As the water heats up quickly , a change of state happens called 'evaporation'.	The first part of the sentence opens with an action description which starts with the word As... and ends with an adverb. The second part of the sentence is a description of a related, and often consequential, action.	
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Emotion, comma	<p>Desperate, she screamed for help.</p> <p>Terrified, he froze instantly on the spot where he stood.</p> <p>Anxious, they began to realise they were lost.</p> <p>Happily, the astronaut stepped safely from the shuttle.</p>	<p>Emotion first followed by the actions that are caused by the emotion. Putting the word first gives more weight to the emotion.</p> <p>When teaching, provide an A-Z list of emotions the children could use.</p>	
Verb, person	<p>Running, Sarah almost tripped over her own feet.</p> <p>Tiptoeing, he tried to sneak out across the landing without waking anybody up.</p>	A sentence starts with a verb to give it more importance. The verb is always followed by a comma and then a name or a personal pronoun (he, she, they, it) followed by the rest of the sentence.	
If, if, if, then.	<p>If the alarm had gone off, if the bus had been on time,</p> <p>if the road repairs had been finished, then he might have got to school on time.</p> <p>If I hadn't found the watch, if the alarm hadn't gone off, if I hadn't scared those burglars,</p> <p>then I wouldn't be sitting here today.</p>	<p>Summarising a dramatic plot (key plots) at beginning or the end of a story in groups of 3. The emphasis should be on using the comma after each clause.</p> <p>Each clause always begins with an if or a then and each clause ends with a comma (,) or a full stop (.)</p>	
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Noun, which/who/where	<p>Cakes, which taste fantastic, are not so good for your health.</p> <p>Snakes, which scare me, are not always poisonous.</p> <p>Tom, who was a little shorter than the others, still made it into the football team.</p>	<p>Use commas to embed a clause within a sentence, add information that links with the sentence topic and start the clause with <u>which</u>, <u>who</u> or <u>where</u>.</p>	
2 pairs sentences	<p>Exhausted and worried, cold and hungry, they didn't know how much further they had to go.</p> <p>Injured and terrified, numb and fearful, he couldn't believe that this was happening to him.</p> <p>Quickly and quietly, silently and carefully he tiptoed out of the house.</p>	<p>Begins with two pairs of related adjectives. Each pair is:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Followed by a comma ○ Separated by <i>and</i> 	
3 bad – (dash) question?	<p>Cold, dark, airlessness – which would kill the spaceman first?</p> <p>Greed, jealousy, hatred – which of these is most evil?</p>	<p>3 negative followed by a dash and then a question which relates to the three adjectives.</p>	
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De:De Sentence	<p>The vampire is a dreadful creature: It kills by sucking all the blood from its victims.</p> <p>Snails are slow: They take hours to cross the shortest of distances.</p> <p>I was exhausted: I hadn't slept for more than two days.</p>	<p>Two independent clauses (they make sense on their own) are separated by a colon (:)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ The first clause is descriptive ○ The second adds further detail 	
Some; others	<p>Some people like football; others hate it.</p> <p>Some days are full of enjoyment; others are long and boring.</p> <p>Some dogs were running around happily; others looked tired.</p>	<p>Some; others sentences begin with the word <i>some</i> and have a semi-colon to replace the word <i>but</i>.</p> <p>There is <u>no</u> capital letter after the semi-colon.</p>	

<p>Imagine 3 examples:</p>	<p>Imagine a place where the sun always, shines, where wars never happen, where no-one ever dies: in the Andromeda 5 system, there is such a planet</p>	<p>Sentence begins with</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - The word imagine - Then describes three parts of something - The first two parts are separated by commas - The third ends with a colon 	
<p>The more, the more</p>	<p>The more it rained, the more depressed he became. The more the crowd cheered, the more he looked forward to the race. The more upset she was, the more she cried.</p>	<p>This sentence type is particularly useful when developing a character trait in a story. The first more should be followed by an emotive word and the second more should be followed by a related action.</p>	
<p>'Irony' sentences</p>	<p>Our 'luxury' hotel turned out to be a farm building. With dawn breaking, the 'beautiful view' which the brochure described, revealed itself to be a scrap-yard and a rubbish tip. The 'trip of our dreams' was, in fact, our worst nightmare.</p>	<p>An irony sentence deliberately overstates how good or bad something is and this is placed in 'inverted commas'. The overstated word is then shown to be false through the remainder of the sentence which reveals the truth.</p>	
<p>Emotion – consequence</p>	<p>Davis was angry – he threw his toy at the wall. The professor was inconsolable – he wept for days on end. King Henry was furious – he ordered the execution of his wife.</p>	<p>This two part sentence starts with a description of a character's emotion followed by a dash (-) and a description of a consequence of that feeling.</p>	
<p>Tell: show 3 examples; sentences</p>	<p>He was feeling relaxed: shoes off; shirt undone; lying on the sofa. The commander was tense: sweat dripping; eyes narrowed; staring out on the battlefield. It was a sleepy town: shops shuttered; cats lazing in the shade; dogs snoozing in the sun.</p>	<p>This is a two part sentence. The first part tells the reader a broad-ranging fact/opinion. This is followed by a colon which demonstrates that a list of examples will follow. After the colon the list of 3 examples follows. As this is a phrase list, semi-colons are used between the details rather than commas.</p>	