

## Sentence types - to practice

### 1. The Basic Bare Bones Sentence:

The **dog barked**. = one **subject** (dog) and one **verb** (barked)

**OR The three legged dog leaped up and snarled.** (one subject (dog), and 2 verbs (leaped/snarled))

What are the green words? adjectives = words that describe the subject

**OR The ragged three legged dog leaped up and snarled aggressively.**

**The peach word - aggressively is an adverb which describes the verb**

### 2. Comma sandwich : a sentence with an embedded clause (which is surrounded by commas).

The **sun**, which had been absent for days, **shone** steadily in the sky.

### 3. The more, more, more sentence

The more **he worried**, the more **he felt** uncomfortable, the more **he wanted** to leave the room.

### 4. The less, less, less sentence

The less **I tried**, the less **I cared**, the less **I got**.

### 5. Sentence, comma and list of verbs ending in -ing

The **road unspooled** on and on, *rising, falling, rising, turning, falling.*

### 6. A list of prepositions after a verb

**I look** outside, down, away, beneath, near the dazzling presents under the table

### **7. Comparative (-er), more, more sentence**

Every day, **Kitty felt** smaller, more ugly, more useless.

### **8. Sentences with a semi-colon in the middle to connect two clauses.**

**Spider-Man was in trouble; he was surrounded** by his enemies.

### **9. No but sentence**

True, **he had** no calm, but **she shattered** whatever calm there was to look forward to in the future.

### **10. Three adjective 'of' sentence**

**I felt** full, full of food, full of bad television, full of incessant chat.

### **11. Colons to clarify**

A strange hint of something filled his nostrils and made his stomach lurch: it was blood.

### **12. Two similes sentence**

It could have been Esther's, as black as jet, as dark as the night.

It's hard to describe how I felt - like an object no longer of use, like a parcel packed up in string and brown paper.

### **13. Distance (closer, nearer, further) / More sentence**

The further we went, the more anxious I felt.

### **14. The size, the (blank) sentence**

The bigger they are, the harder they fall.

### **15. The doubting sentence (end with an if clause)**

I had finished the essay, if the teacher was happy with it.

### **16. The three verb sentence**

The monster pushed, crashed, smashed its way through.

### **17. Not, nor, nor sentences**

Nobody, not the postman, nor the housekeeper, nor Jim himself knew how the letter had got onto the doormat.

### **18. Fortunately / Unfortunately paired sentences**

Unfortunately, the door was locked. Fortunately, there was a catflap just big enough for him to fit through.

### **19. Start with a prepositional (position word - under, by, near, beneath, over) phrase**

Under the moon, the river snaked its way to the sea.

### **20. Never did... ,than...**

Never did the sun go down with a brighter glory in the quiet corner in Soho, than one memorable evening when the Doctor and his daughter sat under the plane-tree together.

### **21. The writer's aside sentence**

The computer, **as you know**, is quite slow.

I think, **to be honest**, it will never work.

### **22. Two -ings at the start sentence**

Raising a hand to my brow, shielding my eyes from the rain once more, I saw no monster.

### **23. So so sentence**

There was one item, so small, so unrecognisable, it didn't register.

#### **24. Subject first sentence**

Lamp posts and trees reared up at him, splintering his shins.

#### **25. The Big Bad Because sentence**

Because it was the last day of term, Martin felt relieved.

#### **26. But none more than sentence**

But none more than Tom would agree that smoking is bad for you.

#### **27. Verb -ed opening**

Wracked with fear, Tommy crept slowly towards the door.

Scared for her life, Anna searched frantically for the key.

#### **28. Whoever/ Whenever/ Whichever two of these...**

Whoever had been at the scene, whenever they had been there, it was clear something very sinister had taken place.

#### **29. x wasn't/isn't the word**

Disgusting wasn't the word. There were no words to describe what lay before her.

Riveting just isn't the word. There's nothing to say that can do this thing justice.

### **30. Adjectives at the start sentence**

Cold and hungry, Martin waited for someone to take pity on him.

### **31. End loaded sentence - dramatic ending**

After working every day of his life and saving lots of money for his retirement, Tom died suddenly.

### **32. Not only but also sentence**

Not only was he cold, hungry and tired, but the chance of him being discovered would also increase.

### **33. The deliberation sentence**

Sandwich, hot dog, salad - which would he choose?

### **34. 'It was' semi colon 'it was' sentence**

It was the best of times; it was the worst of times.

### **35. Verb followed by detail sentence**

He shrugged, heavy shouldered.

### **36. -ing clause before the main sentence**

Having no choice about it, Chris decided to agree with her.

### **37. However after the first word sentence**

People, however, were watching gobsmacked

### **38. Second Conditional Sentence: It's still possible If I were to.....**

If I were to win the lottery, I would buy a Lamborghini Gallardo.

### **39. Third Conditional Sentence : Also known as the 'Too late' sentence If I had..... I would have.....**

If I had left the house earlier, I would have been on time for registration

### **40. The 'as if verb' sentence**

He pulled absently at some grass, as if searching for memories.

### **41. The as if and three verb sentence**

It was as if the cold was pulling at Tansey, breaking her up, trying to take her away from them, back somewhere.

#### **42. Three adjectives at the start sentence**

Ruthless, dangerous, lethal, the animal leaps for its prey.

#### **43. It was one of those, one of those when sentence**

It was one of those days, one of those when the air was cold and crisp and the birds' melodious singing pierced the air.

#### **44. Almost, almost, when sentence**

I was almost there, almost asleep, when I heard footsteps coming, then the sound of someone breathing close by.

#### **45. One simile and three evers sentence**

The silhouette standing on the hill, looking out, keeping watch like the North Star at night, ever present, ever caring, ever there.

#### **46. Shakespearean I wish I was.... sentence Would that I were...**

Would that I were a glove upon that hand.

#### **47. Repeat and develop ideas sentence**

The teacher's decision to set double homework was both surprising and distressing - surprising in that she had never set homework before, distressing in that it was to be completed in one day.



#### **48. I did something twice sentence**

I was born twice: first as a baby girl, on a remarkably smogless Detroit day in January of 1960; and then again, as a teenage boy, in an emergency room near Petoskey, Michigan, in August of 1974.

#### **49. The Loose Sentence (an independent clause followed by a series of phrases)**

It was a happy summer at the zoo, the zebras romping, the giraffes grazing, the elephants trumpeting, and the lure of a drippy popsicle on a hot day beckoning me to the snack bar.

#### **50. The personification, 5 commas and 3 to's sentence:**

Harsh white walls frowned at the monotone uniformed prisoners, men with bleached faces and no eyes threaten, guns hoover, thunderously muted, waiting for someone to move, to think,

#### **51. Start with a simile sentence**

Like a ghost caught in a fan, he spun round and round on the roundabout.

#### **52. Using dashes instead of brackets sentence**

The roof - the straw thatch - was gone.

#### **53. Or, and, or sentence**

They flew in circles, or else there were many of them, and the whole group passed in and out of the light on their way to settle on a rooftop, or on some tree that asked to have its branches filled, at least until winter was as far away as it could be.

**53. Without a, without a sentence**

Without a how, without a why, Sid fell up towards the sky.