




5. TITLE:

2

pairs

SENTENCES

EXAMPLES:

- a.  Exhausted and worried, cold and hungry, they did not know how much further they had to go.
- b.  Injured and terrified, shell-shocked and lost, he wandered aimlessly across the battlefield.
- c.  Angry and bewildered, numb and fearful, he couldn't believe that this was happening to him.

EXPLANATION:

Dramatic in its succinctness, a *2 pairs* sentence begins with two pairs of related adjectives.

Each pair is:

- followed by a comma
- separated by the conjunction *and*

TEACHING TIPS:

2 pairs sentences are easily grasped by pupils, despite the fact that they invert the syntax that children tend to use.

I find it useful to play the Adjective Pairing Game as a means of introducing the idea. Each pupil in the class is given an adjective written on a piece of paper. They then move around the class until they find another pupil with an adjective that could match theirs. Together they then write a sentence, e.g.

Exhausted and worried, he stumbled away.

PUPILS ONE'S ADJECTIVE PUPIL TWO'S ADJECTIVE

With their sentence, the pair then moves around the classroom to find pupils who have a second pair of adjectives which can be added to the first pair to create a longer, *2 pairs* sentence, e.g.

Exhausted and worried, cold and hungry, he stumbled away.

FIRST PAIR SECOND PAIR