

20. TITLE:

P.C.

SENTENCES

EXAMPLES:

- a. It was both cold and unpleasant for him to work there.
- b. It was not so much lack of time as fear that stopped him from taking the job.
- c. Neither money nor gifts could make him visit the haunted mansion again.
- d. He was as silly as a clown.

EXPLANATION:

P.C. is a shortened version of *Paired Conjunctions* (sometimes referred to as correlative conjunctions).

Some words demand a second word in order to make sense—this is the essence of a paired conjunction.

TEACHING TIPS:

A useful mnemonic which helps pupils to remember some of the paired conjunctions is:

(B A) (N A) (N N) (A A)

(note the double NN and AA at the end)

This stands for:

(B A) - both/and
(N A) - not so/as
(NN) - neither/nor
(AA) - as/as

I tend to add *whether ...or* to the (B A) (N A) (N N) (AA) paired conjunctions and, of course, there are others such as *so/that* which may be added if the teacher wishes.