

21. TITLE:

The more, the more

SENTENCES

EXAMPLES:

a. The more upset she was, the more her tears flowed.

↓
emotion

↓
comma

↓
action related to emotion

b. The more happy she became, the more talkative she seemed to be.

↓
emotion

↓
comma

↓
action related to emotion

c. The more angry he became, the more he hammered his fist on the table.

↓
emotion

↓
comma

↓
action related to emotion

EXPLANATION:

As with sentence type 20, *The more, the more* sentence is a paired form, 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.

TEACHING TIPS:

I begin by producing a list of human emotions with the pupils. I then model a *The more, the more* sentence based on one of these. The pupils, in pairs, then produce their own sentences from the remaining emotions.

EXTENSION:

A useful extension is *The less, the less* sentence, e.g.

The less happy he became, the less likely he was to smile.

It is also possible to produce *The more, the less* sentences and *The less, the more* variants.

All in all, this is an extremely useful sentence type when developing characters within a story.