



TeachingLive | Season 10 | Grammar | Week 7 | March 5 | Teaching Notes

Initial Quiz

Before the session, hold a mini quiz for the children. For this session, give them several minutes to write down:

What do you know about –

colons

semi-colons

ellipsis

parenthesis (brackets - dashes, and commas)

hyphens

bullet points

How are they used?

Today's Game – The Listing Game -Take it in turns to challenge your partner to complete: *Objective – to practice making lists.*

The little hobbit packed:

She was afraid of three types of dragon:

In the cave, she saw:

There were three choices:

She wanted to see 2 places:

It was a terrible dilemma:

She had often seen the elf:

She knew one thing:

The little hobbit packed: a bed, plenty of food and a fire-stone.

She was afraid of three types of dragon: storm dragons, snow dragons and, worst of all, the macaroon dragon.

In the cave, she saw: a huge pile of treasure, an enormous scaly dragon and the scarab beetle.

There were three choices: run to the market, hide in the castle or wait for the dragon.

She wanted to see 2 places: the midnight lake as well as the old well.

It was a terrible dilemma: eat the cookies or slice up the coffee cake.

She had often seen the elf: swinging through the trees, hiding behind parked cars and riding on the back of nighttime cats.

She knew one thing: running was not an option.

Padlet 1 – using semi-colons to write extended lists.

Bilbo saw three things: the moon, a tower and rain.	Bilbo saw three things: the moon shining down on the skyship like an albino eye; a stone tower looming above the abandoned skyship; and icy rain whipping across the hillside, battering the skyship's ragged balloon.
Thorin saw three things: trees, pathways and a fox.	Thorin saw three things: tall trees leaning inwards like strange doorways; crooked pathways snaking onwards; and a russet-coated fox , staring at her with golden eyes.
In this world, I discovered: gulley, valleys, corners and mantraps.	In this world, I discovered: gulley where goblins skulk; valleys where trolls roam; sly corners where secrets hide; and mantraps ready to trip you up and snare your legs in metal teeth.
Bilbo saw three things: the forest, a cave and snow.	
Thorin saw three things: an eagle, a goblin and a dragon.	
In this world, I discovered: forests, lakes and a city.	

Padlet 2 - The focus is on using semi-colons to show the close relationship between two clauses.

Wallpaper Door	A piece of old wallpaper fluttered in the breeze; a door tilted at a crazy angle.
Mari Bobbi	Mari began to take out all sorts of things; Bobbi stared at the pile of treasures.
Bilbo Ellie	Bilbo began to roast the meat; Ellie greedily waited.
Dragon's Scales Scales made of Gold	The dragon's scales glittered; they were made of gold.
Marti Fran	
Flames Shadows	
Hot soup Delicious smell	
Outside Inside	

The Objective – to use semicolons to link two related clauses.

Powerpoint input: Pie will talk through a mini presentation.

Padlet 3 activity – parenthesis (brackets - dashes, and commas)

Parenthesis allows you to drop in extra information or explanation. There are 3 ways to do this:

1. You can use commas, as we have seen with relative clauses but also 'ed-ing-ly' and other subordinate clauses:

Brian, who was angry, stamped his three feet!

2. You can use brackets:

Brian (the oldest son) laughed aloud.

3. You can use dashes – which often sound less formal:

She saw a cat - just like her own Timmy - curled fast asleep.

Add in information or explanation using parenthesis:

Bilbo saw the dragon.

The dragon flew towards the city.

Elephants have long memories.

Betty handed over the package.

Zorro jumped onto the donkey.

Blogging Activity – create a suspense paragraph/ section from a story using:

- **Colon to introduce a list**
- **Semicolon to separate items in an extended list**
- **Semicolon to link 2 related clauses**
- **A sentence using parentheses**
- **Ellipsis**
- **Hyphen used in a compound adjective**



After the session, hold the mini quiz again. © Pie Corbett 2023