

English

Grammar

Sentence types 3 bad dash – question sentences

Year 5 & 6



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Unit/Lesson focus: the aim of this unit of learning is to

- **To identify and punctuate 3 bad dash – question sentences**

Unit Learning Objective:

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- I can explain what a 3 bad dash question is
- I can also add the correct punctuation to 3 bad dash question sentences
- I can even find examples of 3 bad dash questions in books



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Vocabulary focus:

dash

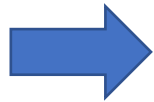
There are 5 different types of sentences we introduce in year 5. Today we will review one of these.

English Sentence Types Best Practice Guidance

Alan Peat's Sentence Types:

Sentence type	Rule	Example
O. (I.)	They are Outside: Inside sentences. They are made up of two related sentences. The first sentence tells the reader a character's outward action and the second reveals their true feelings.	Kate ate the cake that was given to her with enthusiasm and delight. (Inside, however she wished she had turned down the offer.) She smiled at the cheeky little boy. (At the same time, she was hurt by his tricks.)
Noun, which, who, where	Use commas to embed a clause in a sentence, add information that links with the sentence topic and start the clause with which, who or where . (<i>Relative clauses.</i>)	Snakes, which scare me, are not always poisonous. My pet, who only has three legs, loves to chase seagulls. The deserted beach, where the shipwreck was found, can only be reached by sea.
3 bad - question	3 negative adjectives followed by a dash then a question which relates to the 3 adjectives.	Cold, dark, airless – which would kill the spaceman first? Greed, jealousy, hatred – which of these is most evil?
Personification of weather	A type of weather (wind, rain, sun, hail etc) is given a human mood.	The wind stroked the space shuttle gently before lift-off. (=caring) Norman was beaten by the hail. (=attacked/aggressive)
Irony	An irony sentence deliberately overstates how good or bad something is. The overstated word is then shown to be false through the remainder of the sentence which reveals the truth.	Our 'luxury' hotel turned out to be a farm outbuilding! With dawn breaking, the 'beautiful view' which the brochure described, revealed itself to be a scrap-yard and a rubbish tip. The 'trip of our dreams' was, in fact, our worst nightmare.

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3 bad—(dash) question?

3 bad-(dash) question? sentences begin with 3 negative adjectives. After the 3rd adjective there is a dash and then a question relating to the adjectives.

3 negative adjectives

dash

question relating to adjectives

Greed, jealousy, hatred- which of these was John's worst trait?

Thirst, heatstroke, exhaustion—which would kill him first?

3 bad?

*3 bad means three **adjectives** that describe a bad emotion.*

E.g. **Miserable, lonely, gloomy** – would she ever make friends?

Punctuation

*Remember to add **commas** between your three adjectives.*

Scared, petrified, frightened – he wondered who was rattling at the front door?

Punctuation

*Remember to add the **dash**.*

Greed, jealousy, hatred – which of these was John Brown's worst trait?

Punctuation

*Remember to add the **question mark**.*

Arrogance, avarice, incompetence – which was the Sheriff of Nottingham's fatal flaw?

Identify the missing punctuation in these 3 bad dash sentences...

1. Frightened terrified exhausted - the unicorn ran for home.
2. Miserable, lonely, gloomy would she ever make friends?
3. Frightened, terrified, exhausted – could they escape from the creatures

Why use 3 bad dash question sentences?

They help build up tension.

Now write some of your own examples of this sentence type.

Have you spotted any examples in your reading book?

Plenary:

Why an author would use this
technique?

Look for examples of this when you
are reading and reflect on why it
has been used.

Reflection:

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Answers

1. Frightened, terrified, exhausted - the unicorn ran for home.
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