

Christmas SPaG week

Lesson 1

SPaG starter

Conjunction Chains

Homes around the country are decorated with festive paper chains this Christmas time. However, these chains are broken. Can you write the correct conjunction on each chain to join the clauses back together in time for the festive celebrations?

I was so excited.



I saw my
Christmas presents.

My Grandad fell
asleep.



he had eaten
his sprouts.

I got a brand
new t-shirt.



I got three pairs
of trainers.

My Mum
was shocked.



she loved my
choice of present.

I didn't eat
my sprouts.



I did eat
my parsnips.

Would you like
chocolates.



would you
like crisps?

Picture Perfect Prepositions

Look at the wintery picture below. Write a sentence in each box about the part of the picture the arrow is pointing to. Every sentence must contain an appropriate preposition. Use the bank of prepositions below to help you.

on top of next to in front of beside beneath over behind



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Chose the word closest in meaning to the underlined word.

With a balanced diet, your body obtains the fuel and nutrients it needs to function properly.

- a) Rest b) work c) eat d) healthy

Fruit and vegetables provide us with vitamins and minerals essential for keeping us healthy.

- a) Necessary b) optional c) extra d) excellent

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23 red jacket lined with fluffy, white fur. "This suit is just
34 too stuffy! How can I be expected to deliver presents to
44 hot countries when I feel like I'm a turkey roasting in
46 the oven?"

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70 was stood next to the sleigh in nothing but his vest and
78 underpants. Rudolph's nose went even redder than usual.

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103 Coast, was a gift shop selling the most
107 magnificent shirts with Christmas
115 print all over them. "Ho, ho, ho! I've
121 got it!" Santa shouted with joy,
127 running towards the shop with a
131 bag of golden coins.



Quick Questions



1. Find and copy two adjectives the author uses to describe the fur on Santa's jacket.



2. Where is this story set?



3. Why do you think that Rudolph's nose went 'even redder than usual'?



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Answers



1. Find and copy two adjectives the author uses to describe the fur on Santa's jacket.

Accept: fluffy and white.



2. Where is this story set?

Accept: Australia, the Gold Coast or Australia's Gold Coast.



3. Why do you think that Rudolph's nose went 'even redder than usual'?

Accept answers which discuss the fact that he was embarrassed or flushed when Santa was stood in just his underpants.

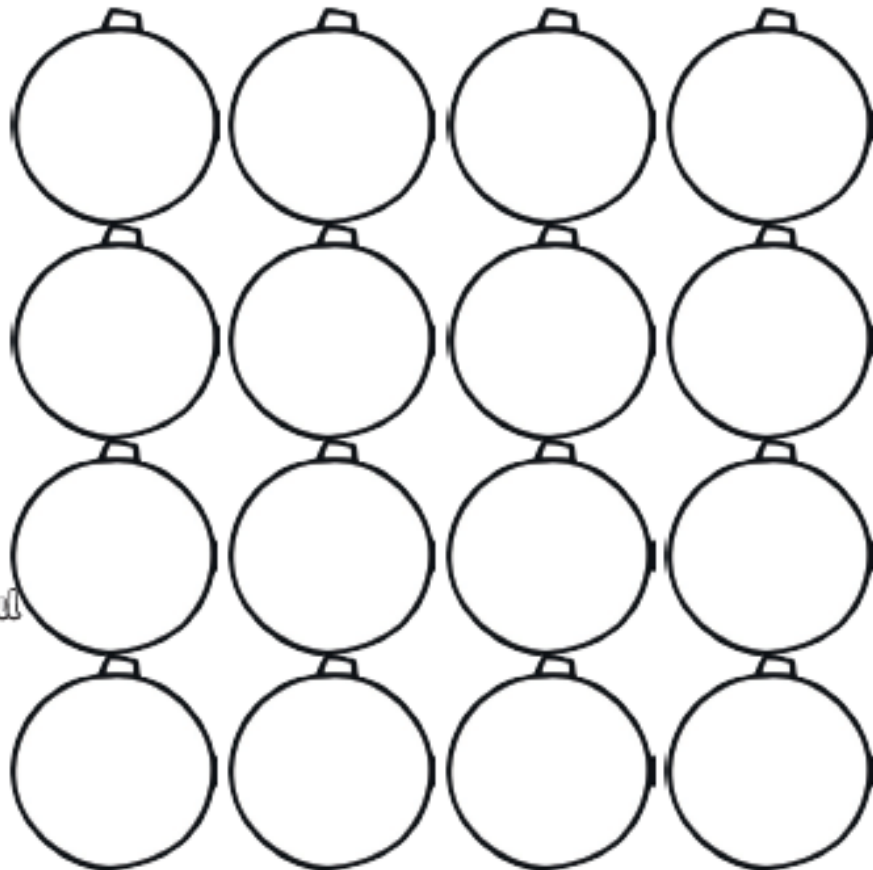


4. What do you think Santa did next?

Accept any reasonable prediction based on the events of the text, such as 'Santa went to the shop and bought a cooler outfit'.

Let's Liven Things Up

These dull adjectives make the trees look so boring that they've almost ruined Christmas! Can you think of four new adjectives for each word which mean the same thing but are far more exciting? Write one adjective on each bauble to decorate the tree and make your writing look wonderful.



Pick your favourite adjective from each section and write one sentence containing each below.

Lesson 3

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Can you identify the capital letters, commas and full stop errors in this passage?

In purple pen, can you find and fix the mistakes.

healthy eating is vital for a healthy body many people eat too much unhealthy food like readymade meals sweets and chocolates instead people should eat more fruit and vegetables fruit is an ideal snack because it tastes sweet it is easy to take with you and is very good for your body

Lesson 4

- Fronted adverbials

What is a fronted adverbial?

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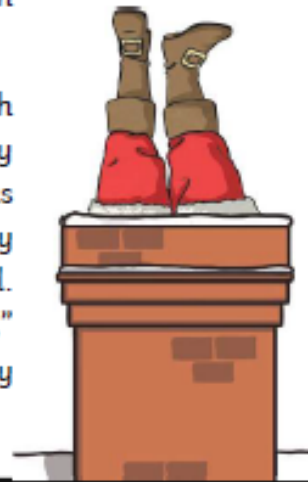
SPaG starter (task 1)

Breaking News: Santa Stuck Up Chimney

When Santa got stuck up the chimney, he didn't want everyone reading all about it. Unlucky for him, reporters were on the scene to report straight to general public. Read the newspaper article below and underline all of the fronted adverbials.

Last night, the nation was in a state of shock as they found out that Santa had become stuck up a chimney. Unbelievably, everyone's favourite fellow became lodged in the Smith family's chimney after eating one too many mince pies. The nation was aghast. At the scene, TV cameras and local reporters began to gather. All they could see was two big, brown boots pointing towards the sky.

Disappointingly, the rescue took much longer than planned. Completely exhausted, Father Christmas was pulled from the chimney in a filthy state after the three-hour ordeal. "Maybe I'll start using doors instead," he proposed, clearly embarrassed by the media attention.



Task 2: Can you write 5 sentences of your own about Christmas. They must start with a fronted adverbial.

Let's create some WAGOLs as a class

Fronted Adverbials are words or phrases at the beginning of a sentence which are used to describe the action that follows.

Time	Frequency	Place	Manner	Degree
Afterwards, Already, Always, Immediately, Last month, Now, Soon, Yesterday, Today, Tomorrow, Next year, In January, On Tuesday, In the morning, After a while, As soon as she could, Before long, All of a sudden, In the blink of an eye, Just then, Eventually, Later,	Often, Again, Daily, Weekly, Fortnightly, Yearly, Sometimes, Rarely, Every second, Twice a year, Once a minute, Once, Once or twice, Three times, Constantly, Regularly, Frequently, Infrequently, Occasionally, Rarely, Never in my life, Never before,	Above the clouds, Below the sea, Here, Outside, Over there, There, Under the ground, Upstairs, In the distance, Between the sea and the sky, Everywhere she looked, Around the tent, Back at the house, Nearby, Down by the cliffs, Behind the shed, In the wooden box, Over my bed, Somewhere near here, Far away, Wherever they went, North of here,	Sadly, Slowly, Happily, Awkwardly, Bravely, Like a ... , As quick as a flash, As fast as he could, Without a sound, Without warning, Unexpectedly, Unfortunately, Suddenly, Mysteriously, Frantically, Anxiously, Courageously, Silently, Curiously, Nervously, Rapidly, Carefully,	Almost unbelievably, Much admired, Nearly asleep, Quite understandably, Really happily, Perhaps, Maybe, Just arrived, Certainly amused, Obviously angry, Definitely confused, Completely exhausted, Barely alive, Hardly out of breath, Decidedly unimpressed, Perfectly confident, Positively trembling with excitement, Purely practically, Somewhat flustered, Utterly joyous, Totally overwhelmed,