Progression in Alan Peat Sentence Types

Terminology pupils should be introduced to is in **bold**

Year Group	Sentence type	Examples	Additional points to be taught through the sentence type
1	2A sentences Two adjectives preceding the first noun and two adjectives preceding a second noun	He was a tall, awkward man with an old, crumpled jacket	Expanded noun phrases Adjectives and adjectival phrases
	Question sentence/All the W's sentences Short sentences. Should not be scattered too frequently as will lose impact	Why do you think he ran away? What next? Why is our climate changing? Will that really be the end?	Could be used to teach rhetorical questions (in later years) Question
2	List sentences No less than three and no more than four adjectives before the noun. Can be very dramatic when combined with alliteration	It was a dark, long, leafy lane	Make it explicit to the children that sometimes list sentences use a list of adjectives as well as nouns
	BOBs sentences (used to be BOYS) But, Or, Because, So Two part sentence - first part ends with a comma and second part begins with a co-ordinating conjunction (BOBS). No comma before because.	She ran down the road because a man was chasing her. He wept buckets, so he had to blow his nose.	Comma before some conjunctions Compound sentences
	-ly sentence Begins with an -ly adverb	Silently, the bow swam across the river	Fronted adverbial Commas after fronted adverbials
	First word last sentences Start with a key word, expand upon that key word, then repeat the same key word at the end of the sentence	Brilliant, the whole day was just brilliant!	Repetition Exclamation
	What +! Sentences Begin with the word 'what' followed by an adjective to describe the final word/s of the sentence. Senses can be used to improve vocabulary choices.	What a lovely day! What a delicious smell! What an awful din!	Exclamation mark Appropriate choice of pronoun or noun within and across sentences to aid cohesion and avoid repetition
	Noun - adjective pair - sentences Works on a show and tell basis where name and details form the main clause	Little Johnny – happy and generous – was always fun to be around.	Adjectives Noun
	Similes Some should be banned (cold as ice, hot as the sun etc) If using banned similes, make more interesting by adding a 'where?' and 'when?' to the end of the cliché	The moon hung above us like a patient, pale white face Although it was August, it was as cold as a late December evening	Poetic device Figurative language

Year 3	Verb, person sentences (ing sentence) A typical sentence (subject-verb) inverted, opening with a verb to give it greater importance/weight. Chosen verb is followed by a comma then the name of a person or personal pronoun (he, she, they it), followed by the remainder of the sentence	Flying, John had always been terrified of it	Choosing nouns or pronouns appropriately to within a sentence to avoid ambiguity and repetition Varying sentence starters
	Ad, same ad sentences Two identical adjectives, one repeated shortly after the other. First opens the clause and the second comes immediately after the comma. Once children have grasped this, introduce words other than because to bridge the sentence	He was a fast runner, fast because he needed to be	Noun phrases expanded by the addition of modifying adjectives, nouns and prepositional phrases (e.g. the teacher expanded to: the strict maths teacher with curly hair)
	Emotion word, (comma) sentences Does not conform with traditional subject-verb combination sentence Uses adjective to describe emotion, followed by a comma. Rest of sentence describes actions related to the opening emotive adjective. Placing the emotive adjective at the start of the sentence gives more weight to that word. Possible provide and A-Z of emotion words	Desperate, she screamed for help	Adverbial phrases Openers
	The more, the more sentences The first more should be followed by an emotive word and the second more should be followed by a related action. Provide a list of human emotions When grasped introduce The less, the less sentence	The more upset she was, the more her tears flowed The less happy he became, the less likely he was to smile	Adverbial starters
	2 pairs sentences Two pairs of related adjectives. Each pair is followed by a comma and separated by the conjunction and	Exhausted and worried, cold and hungry, they did not know how much further they could go	Varying sentence openers Expressing place and cause when using conjuctions
	Double ly ending sentences Ends with two adverbs of manner. First part of this sentence type ends in a verb. Two adverbs of manner are then added to add precision to the sentence	The worried people ran quickly and purposefully He swam slowly and falteringly	Swapping adverbs and clauses

Year	De: De OR	Snails are slow: they take hours to cross	Relative clause - a subordinate clause
4	Description: Details sentences	the shortest of distances	that modifies a noun already mentioned
	A compound sentence in which two		(tells us more about the noun)
	independent clauses are separated by a		
	colon. First clause is descriptive and second adds further details. Colon's function is to		Snails are slow: they take hours to cross the shortest of distances
	signal that information in second clause will		Key:
	expand on information in the first part of		Noun, Relative clause
	the sentence	She wondered if it would ever end: it	NB - sentence with relative clause may
	Once children have grasped this, the first	soon would, but not as s/he expected!	not be demarcated with a colon
	clause could be an implied question, then the	'	
	second an answer (see second example)		She got herself a cake that she had
			bought yesterday.
			Use of colon
	3_ed sentences	Frightened, terrified, exhausted, they	Ensure these are taught as adjectives
	(2_ed for LA chn)	ran from the creature	NOT verbs
	Three related adjectives , each of which ends in -ed. Usually the adjectives will		Determiner - stands before any noun if necessary to enable the sentence to
	describe an emotion. Display a A-Z of -ed		make sense (the, a, this, my, any)
	adjectives		make sense (me, a, mis, my, any)
	Short sentences	Then it happened	
	Formed with one, two or three words. May		
	be interjections requiring an exclamation		
	mark. Model this sentence type in context.		
	Elipsis marks may be used also to indicate a		
	stutter	Where is the treasure? the diamonds?	Writing for effect
	Many questions sentences Initial question ending with a question mark,	the gold? the rubies?	withing for effect
	followed by a further phrase or single word	The gold? The rubles?	
	which poses additional, related questions.		
	Each additional word or phrase concludes		
	with a question mark		

Beware of unnecessary capitalisation		
4a Sentence	The fierce, majestic eagle soared	
A pair of adjectives used to describe a noun	through the clear, blue sky.	
followed by another pair of adjectives to		
describe another noun in the sentence.		
Burger sentence	Cakes, which taste fantastic, are not so	embedded/subordinate clause
Has an embedded/subordinate clause.	good for your health	
Always begins with a noun which is followed		
by a comma then the embedded clause (the		
part of the sentence that can be omitted		
and the sentence would still make sense).		
The embedded clause ends, as it started,		
with a comma then the final part of the		
sentence adds some detail to the opening		
noun. A subordinate clause does not have to		
begin with <i>which</i> .		
If, if, then sentences	If the alarm had gone off, if the bus	Subordination using a subordinating
(if, if, then for those who can't)	had been on time, if the road repairs	conjunction
Three dependent clauses in series. It is	had been completed, then his life would	
necessary to use a comma after each of the	not have been destroyed	
clauses beginning with <i>if</i>		

Year 5	O.(I.) sentences OR Outside: Inside sentences Two related sentences (first tells us what a character is supposedly thinking, second, related sentence, which is always in brackets, lets the reader know the character's true INNER feelings) Bracketed sentence shows viewpoint. Possible words for beginning second sentence: HoweverIn truthSecretlyHappy/sadBrave/terrified etc	She told the little girl not to be so naughty. (Inside, however, she was secretly amused by what she had done.)	Choosing nouns and pronouns (me, him, he himself, his etc) appropriately for clarity and cohesion Viewpoint Parenthesis
	3 bad - (dash) question sentences Sentence begins with three negative words (usually adjectives). First and second followed by commas. Third followed by a dash, then a question which relates to the negative adjectives. Impact is dramatic	Thirst, heatstroke, exhaustion - which would kill him first?	Using dashes as progression from a list sentence
	P.C. sentences (paired conjunctions) Some words demand a second second word in order to make sense - this is the essence of the paired conjunction. (BA) - both/and (NA) - not so/as (NN) - neither/nor (AA) - as/as	It was both cold and unpleasant for him to work there	Conjunctions
	Some; others sentences Compound sentences beginning with the word some and have a semi-colon instead of a conjunction separating the latter half of the	Some people love football; others just can't stand it	Use of the semi-colon, colon and dash to mark the boundary between independent clauses

sentence			
Personification of weath An element of the weath attribute. When grasped	er is given a human	wept down his window wept pitifully down his window	Determiner - stands before any noun if necessary to enable the sentence to make sense (the, a, this, my, any) 'The rain wept down his window.'
Irony sentences Deliberately overstates something is. The overstates wonderful is then shown the remainder of the ser is evidenced. Begin by collecting super used in the initial, ironic sentence. Display as a A	how good or bad tated word (such as to be a falsehood in atence, when truth latives which can be part of the	ry' hotel turned out to be a building	The Fair wept down <u>ms</u> window.

Year 6	Imagine 3 examples: sentences Begin with the word imagine, then describe three facets of something (often times or places). The first two facets are separated by commas and the third concludes with a colon. The writer then explains that such a time or place exists.	Imagine a time when people may not be afraid, when life might be much simpler, when everyone could help each other: this is the story of that time	Modal verb - used to express degrees of certainty, or ability and obligation (will, could, can, could, may, might, shall, should, must and ought) 'Imagine a time when people may not be afraid, when life might be much simpler, when everyone could help each other: this is the story of that time.' Colon
	Active and passive sentences	The school arranged a visit - active A visit was arranged by the school - passive	
	Tell: show 3; examples sentences	He was feeling relaxed: shoes off; shirt undone; lying on the sofa	Two part sentence. First part tells reader a fact or opinion. This is followed by a colon. After the colon a list of three examples follows. As this is a phrase lies (not single words) semi-colons are used.
	Object/person (aka) sentences aka (ay-kay-ay) is an abbreviation for 'also known as'	John Wilson (aka The Bonecrusher) seemed quite ordinary when you first met him.	Brackets Acronyms
	Getting worse/getting better sentences Used to dramatically heighten a text	We knew Tim was <i>naughty</i> , and his brother was <i>uncontrollable</i> , but their cousin Damien was <i>evil</i> .	
	When_; when_; when_; then sentences Ends with a statement, which is preceded by three examples of occurrences, which, when combined, lend credibility/prove/predict the final statement. Great striking paragraph or opening.	When tumultuous thunder shakes the ground; when blinding lightning tears the sky; when storm clouds block every ray of hopeful light, then you know the Kraken is approaching.	Semi-colon in a list