

Year 3 Writing

Lesson 4

LO: To organise paragraphs around themes

The Twits by Roald Dahl <http://www.stonehome.net.au/4red/TwitsHTML/index.htm> .



Read chapter 14: **The House, the Tree and the Monkey Cage**

When you group sentences into sections about one thing, we call those sections **paragraphs**. You can leave an empty line between your paragraphs so the spacing makes the sections clear to the reader.

Task

Write about three sentences that describe the Twit's house in lively detail. Do not start a new line for each sentence, as the sentences need to create a **paragraph**.

Write a second paragraph to describe Mrs Twit's garden.

Write a third paragraph to describe the monkey cage.



Example:

Mr and Mrs Twit had a very unpleasant house to match their unpleasant grizzly, grouchy personalities. The house was grey and ugly, like a prison where you would be locked up as punishment for doing something terrible. Their house had no windows, which made it always dark and cold inside, even when it was sunny and warm outside.

The garden was not really any better.....

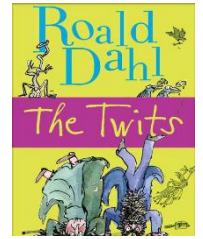


Success Criteria:

1. Write a few sentences to describe one thing.
2. Make sure the sentences you group together are about the same thing.
3. Do not start each sentence on a new line **within** a paragraph.
4. Start a **new line** when you start a **new paragraph**.

Extra Challenge

Try to include a variety of sentence types, and try to copy the author's style: alliteration, exaggeration and lively language.



Steppingstone activity

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LO: To write sentences that are linked in meaning

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Make sure you have read chapter 14: **The House, the Tree and the Monkey Cage**

Vocab check:



horrible house



ugly garden



cage of monkeys

Task:

Write a sentence about each of the things the Twits have (above). Put your sentences together to make it all about the place where they live.



Example:



The twits live in a horrible house that is dark because it has no windows to look out of. Their ugly garden is full of plants that sting and scratch you. The most horrible thing in their home is a cage of sad monkeys who cannot get out.

Success Criteria:

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| 1. Write a sentence about each picture. |
| 2. Start sentences with a capital letter and end with a full-stop. |
| 3. Draw a picture to go with your writing. |

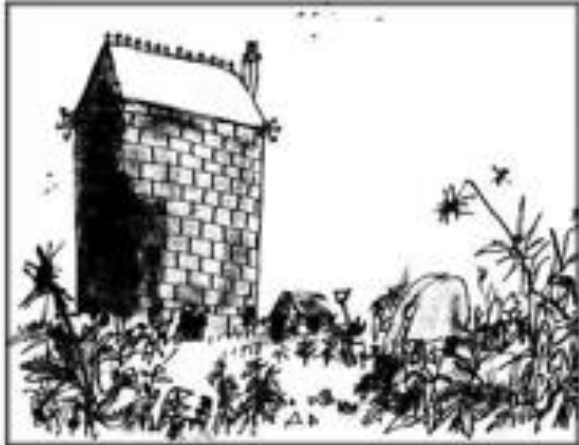
Extra challenge:

Write an extra sentence to describe the Twit's horrible house and garden.

The House, the Tree and the Monkey Cage

But that's enough of that. We can't go on forever watching these two disgusting people doing disgusting things to each other. We must get ahead with the story.

Here is a picture of Mr and Mrs Twit's house and garden. Some house! It looks like a prison. And not a window anywhere.



'Who wants windows?' Mr Twit had said when they were building it. 'Who wants every Tom, Dick and Harry peeping in to see what you're doing?' It didn't occur to Mr Twit that windows were meant mainly for looking out of, not for looking into.



And what do you think of that ghastly garden? Mrs Twit was the gardener. She was very good at growing thistles and stinging-nettles. 'I always grow plenty of spiky thistles and plenty of stinging-nettles,' she used to say. 'They keep out nasty noseey little children.'

Near the house you can see Mr Twit's work-shed.

To one side there is The Big Dead Tree. It never has any leaves on it because it's dead.

And not far from the tree, you can see the monkey cage. There are four monkeys in it. They belong to Mr Twit. You will hear about them later.

