

Paradigm Trust Pedagogy Newsletter #21

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Dear colleagues,

I've just had a great two days observing Ipswich Academy's Ofsted inspection. I'd like to share some of the things I saw.

It really felt like business as usual: there was no fuss. Teachers were well-prepared, thorough and warm, just as they always are. Students were confident, purposeful and smiley, just like usual. Middle and senior leaders were ever-present, reassuring and always 'on it' - as always.

The lessons were also just what you'd expect: no showing off, nothing out of the ordinary. Just strong teaching lesson in, lesson out. Like they always are.

The rest of the school also ran like clockwork - everyone from the catering team, site team and support team were quietly, efficiently helpful.

It was a pleasure to be there. A huge well done to Helen and the whole school.

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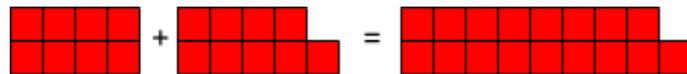
But, Because, So

I love the Reading Reconsidered strategy "The Art of the Sentence". When learners work out how to put an idea into a well structured, clearly written sentence, we can be sure they understand it.

I particularly like a sentence practice strategy by Judith Hochman called "But, because, so..." The teacher provides a sentence stem for learners to complete with a *but*, *because* and a *so*.

- Boudicca attacked Colchester, but **the Roman's retaliated and won.**
- Boudicca attacked Colchester, because **Romans took Boudica's land and attacked her daughters.**
- Boudicca attacked Colchester, so **The Romans attacked the Iceni.**

- When you add a bulb in series, the current decreases, but **the current increases when you add a cell in series.**
- When you add a bulb in series, the current decreases, because **there is greater resistance.**
- When you add a bulb in series, the current decreases, so **each bulb will be dimmer.**
- When you add an odd number to an even number you get an odd number, but **when you add two odd numbers together, you get an even number.**
- When you add an odd number to an even number you get an odd number, because **even numbers can always be represented by an equal double row of blocks, but odd numbers will always have one row longer than the other, so adding the odd and the even blocks always gives an odd block.**



- When you add an odd number to an even number you get an odd number, so **2574736353+7654565456 will be odd.**

For more on “but, because, so” and the Art of the Sentence, take a look at the following teachlikeachampion links:

[The Art of the Sentence](#)

[Hochman's But, Because, So](#)

[But, Because, So 2.0](#)

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