

# Lesson Three

## Super-Funny

**Objective:**

To identify and analyse moments of comedy in David Solomons' writing

**Outcome:**

A piece of writing using comedic elements

**Extract:**

The most important five minutes in the history of the world and I had missed them because I needed a wee. "I bet if I'd been here, Zardo the Decoder would have chosen me," I grumped.

"His name was Zorbon the Decider. And you weren't here." Zack shrugged. "Should have held it in, shouldn't you?"

It was so unfair! I was beyond acting like a normal, sensible person. "Get him back. Tell Bourbon the Diskdriver he made a mistake and he has to come back and give me superpowers too."

"Zorbon the Decider," corrected Zack once more.

**Lead-in task:** Where do you think Luke is in this extract?

1. Why is Luke grumpy?
2. How many times does Luke get Zorbon's name wrong? List them here.
3. Why does Luke feel as though he can't act like 'a normal, sensible person'?

**Task 1:**

Match the following technique cards to a word, phrase or sentence in the extract:

<b>REPETITION</b>	<b>EXTREME EMOTIONS</b>
<b>SILLY WORDS</b>	<b>FUNNY DIALOGUE</b>
<b>EXAGGERATION</b>	<b>CONFLICTING OPINIONS</b>

**Task 2:**

Using the example, try to write your own funny short paragraph about your Superhero/Supervillain character. Use one of the following scenarios to get started:

- A funny argument with a friend or sibling
- A rescue mission that has gone wrong
- A first meeting with your Evil Twin

Don't forget to include at least one of the techniques from the last task!

**Task 3:**

Share your writing with someone in your group. Can they match the technique cards to phrases or sentences in your work?