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Lesson 37 The Westhaven Express

**express [ɪk'spres]**

**n. 快车；快递；adj. 快速的**

express / express train

the 8.00 am express to Edinburgh the Beijing to Shanghai express send goods by express

an express train / coach / bus express delivery services expressway / freeway / motorway

On motorways you can, at least, travel fairly safely at high speeds, …

condition [kən'dɪʃn]

**v. 训练，影响，使习惯或适应……； 决定……；**

condition v. 1. to train or influence a person or animal mentally so that they do or expect a particular thing without thinking about it 训练，影响，使习惯或适应……

People are conditioned by the society in which they live. condition sb. to do sth.

Pavlov conditioned dogs to salivate at the sound of a bell.

Many women are conditioned from birth to be accepting rather than questioning. condition v. 2. determine 决定……

Environment conditions an animal's development. What I buy is conditioned by the amount I earn. conditioning n. 潜移默化的影响

Conditioning starts as soon as boys are given guns to play with and girls are given dolls. Social conditioning makes crying more difficult for men.

exceptionally [ɪk'sepʃənəli] adv. 例外地，反常地；极其

Exceptionally, students may be accepted without formal qualifications. an exceptionally talented player

The weather was exceptionally cold. exceptional

This is an exceptional case; I’ve never seen anything like it before.

The child had shown exceptional courage. Her scores are quite exceptional. extraordinary

her extraordinary beauty

Nelson Mandela is a truly extraordinary man. remarkable

a remarkable feat

a remarkable achievement exception

We all laughed, with the exception of Maggie.

Each plant, without exception, contains some kind of salt. Tramps seem to be the only exception to this general rule. **dislocate ['dɪsləkeɪt]**

v. 打乱，扰乱；使脱臼

Flights have been dislocated by the fog.

Only an exceptionally heavy snowfall might temporarily dislocate railway services. dislocate one’s ankle / wrist …

a dislocated finger dislocation

These policies could cause severe economic and social dislocation. a dislocation of the shoulder

blame [bleɪm]

**v. 责备**

blame v. to say or think that sb. or sth. is responsible for sth. bad 责备

A bad workman blames his tools. blame sb. / sth. for sth.

blame sth. on sb. / sth.

They blamed George for the failure. They blamed the failure on George. sb. / sth. is to blame (for sth) George is to blame for the failure. reprimand / rebuke sb. for sth.

I was reprimanded / rebuked by my manager for being late.

Recognizing who the customer was, the manager was most apologetic and reprimanded the assistant severely.

accuse sb. of sth.

Dimitri immediately went to Aleko's house and angrily accused him of stealing the lamb. criticize sb. for sth.

He was criticized for his delay in dealing with the matter. censure sb. for sth.

Ministers were censured for their lack of decisiveness during the crisis. scold sb. for sth.

His mother scolded him for breaking her favorite vase.

reproach sb. for sth.

He reproached me for not answering his letter. condemn A for / as B

The movie was condemned for its sexism.

The terrorist attack was condemned as an act of barbarism and cowardice.

consult [kən'sʌlt]

**v. 向……请教；查阅**

consult an expert / a doctor / a lawyer …

If symptoms persist, consult a doctor without delay. consult / refer to a timetable / map / dictionary …

After consulting my railway timetable, I noted with satisfaction that there was an express train to Westhaven.

Bruce consulted the map once more and told us that the village was now only fifteen miles away. consult / refer to a dictionary for the word

look up the word in a dictionary

direct [dɪ'rekt]

**adv. 中途不停地；不经中间环节地**

direct adv. 1. without stopping or changing direction = directly The train goes there direct / directly.

direct adv. 2. with no one in between = directly

He decided to contact the manager direct / directly. He's directly (≠ direct) responsible to the boss.

The new property tax law won't directly (≠ direct) affect us. It was a small house, directly (≠ direct) behind the church. She left directly (≠ direct) after the show.

deep / deeply

He pushed the stick deep into the mud. He was deeply moved.

high / highly

He climbed high up the mountain. It is highly confidential.

wide / widely

Open your mouth wide.

He seems to be widely known here. sharp / sharply

We're meeting at one-thirty sharp. turn sharp left / right

You turn sharp right at the crossroads.

Interest rates have fallen sharply over the last few weeks.

The government has been sharply criticized for human rights violations.

triumph ['traɪʌmf]

**n. 胜利，成功（的喜悦）；**

**v. 获得成功，取胜**

one of the triumphs of modern science

The winning team returned home in triumph. There was a note of triumph in her voice.

Arch of Triumph



triumph over …

In the end, good shall triumph over evil. triumphant

a triumphant cheer triumphantly

Who has not stood in awe at the sight of a spider pouncing on a fly, or a column of ants triumphantly bearing home an enormous dead beetle?

asterisk ['æstərɪsk]

**n. 星号（\*）**

“astr” / “aster” = star

astronomy astronomical

astrology astronautics

astronaut disaster

asterisk asteroid

*great / enormous / tremendous* faith

*absolute / implicit* faith *complete / total* faith *unshakeable* faith *blind* faith

develop faith in … have faith in …

put / place faith in …

shake / undermine faith in … destroy faith in …

lose faith in … restore faith in ..

timetable / schedule train / railway / railroad ~ college / school ~

exam / examination ~

Ships may be delayed by storms; flights may be cancelled because of bad weather; but trains must be on time.

He may hunt, beg, or stead occasionally to keep himself alive; he may even, in times of real need, do a little work; but he will never sacrifice his freedom.

**snowfall n. 降雪；降雪量**heavy / light snowfall annual / average snowfall temporary

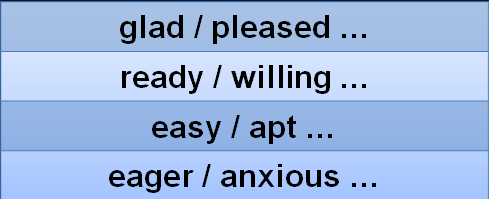
A temporary rudder was made on board from spare planks and it was fitted with great difficulty. It is all too easy to blame the railway authorities when something does go wrong.

too … to …

He was too excited to say a word.

It is all too easy to blame the railway authorities when something does go wrong. I’m too pleased to help you.

She is too willing to marry him. He’s too eager to pass the exam. *(only / all / but)* too … to …



It is *all* too easy to blame the railway authorities when something does go wrong. I’m *only* too pleased to help you.

They're *but* too glad to do so.

…, and the doctor in charge of the department is *only* too ready to provide them with these requirements.

the authorities

the local authorities the Chinese authorities

Fearing the authorities, Eric remained in hiding after the war as well.

When the fire had at last been put out, the forest authorities ordered several tons of a special type of grass-seed which would grow quickly.

go wrong 出错，出问题，不顺利

We have all experienced days when everything goes wrong.

造句：当问题和困难确实出现 (arise) 的时候，我们很容易放弃自己的梦想。

It’s all too easy to give up our dreams when problems and difficulties do arise.

The truth is that when mistakes occur, they are more likely to be *ours* than *theirs*.

more … than … 有时可译为“与其说（后者）不如说（前者）”特别是 more 和 than 后跟同样词性或结构时。

It is more *a poem* than *a picture*. He is more *diligent* than *clever*.

The present crisis in capitalist countries is more *a political* than *an economic crisis*.

*After consulting my railway timetable*, I noted *with satisfaction* that there was an express train to Westhaven.

with satisfaction = satisfiedly with ease = easily

with delight = delightedly with pride = proudly

with a smile = smilingly with attention = attentively

with confidence = confidently with reluctance = reluctantly a mere … 仅仅……

a mere 后跟单数名词时 = only a / an

在其他情况下 a mere = only

It went direct from my local station and the journey lasted a mere (=only an) hour and 17 minutes.

He's a mere (=only a) child.

He's not a mere (=only a) boxer: he's world champion.

A mere (=Only) 2% of their budget has been spent on publicity.

He has often described to me how he picked up a masterpiece for a mere (=only) £50. Glancing at his map, he informed us that the next village was a mere (=only) twenty miles away.

When I boarded the train, I could not help noticing *that a great many local people got on as well*. board a bus / train / ship / plane

The couple boarded the train for New York. Flight No.714 for Paris is now boarding at Gate 8. get on a bus / train / ship / plane

get off a bus / train / ship / plane

When I boarded the train, I could not help noticing that a great many local people got on as well. I had no sooner got off the ship than I was assailed by a man who wanted to sell me a diamond ring.

get into a car / taxi get out of a car / taxi

embark on a ship / plane disembark from a ship / plane can’t help (doing) sth. …

I couldn’t help *thinking* about the past. 'Stop biting your nails.' 'I can’t help *it*.' can’t help but do …

Her evidence was so convincing that I could not help but *agree* with her. sth. can’t be helped

I really don’t to go this weekend, but *it* can’t be helped.

She can't help the man look for another platter.

She forgot the platter had been broken.

She didn't realize the platter had been broken.

She doesn't want the man to replace the platter.

M: I don’t know how I managed to break that platter. I’ll be more than happy to buy you a new one.

W: Forget about it. *Some things* just can’t be helped. What does the woman mean?

Answer: (D) She doesn't want the man to replace the platter. not if I can help it

'Are you going to watch the school play?' 'Not if I can help it.'

She needs help finding a place to live.

There aren't enough rooms available in the dormitories.

She can't afford to live on campus.

She doesn't want to live in university housing. M: Will you be living in the dormitory this year?

W: Not if I can help it. I've been thinking of renting an apartment off campus with some friends of mine.

Q: What does the woman imply?

Answer: (D) She doesn't want to live in university housing. help oneself to sth.

One of the thieves was struck by a heavy statue, but he was too busy helping himself to

*diamonds* to notice any pain.

At the time, I didn’t think this was odd.

strike sb. as … 给某人某种印象，某人感到，觉得…… The idea struck me as stupid.

The request struck me as comic. He struck them as an honest man.

I reflected that there must be a great many people *besides myself* who wished to take advantage of this excellent service.

reflect v. 心想，考虑

reflect on …

I need time to reflect (on what to do). reflect that …

She reflected that his argument was probably true. take advantage of sth. 利用某物

I took advantage of the good weather to paint the shed. Many schools don't take full advantage of the Internet. take advantage of sb. 利用某人，占某人的便宜

Don't lend them the car―they're taking advantage of you!

Neither *was* I surprised when the train stopped at Widley, *a tiny station a few miles along the line*.

部分倒装

**只把助动词，be 动词(之前没有其他助动词)或情态动词置于主语之前。**

1、否定词位于句首（如：not only, not until, neither, nor, never, hardly, barely, scarcely, few, little, rarely, seldom, under no circumstances, in no way, …）。

Neither *was* I surprised when the train stopped at Widley, a tiny station a few miles along the line.

Not only *had* the poor man been arrested, but he had been sent to prison as well. Nor *is* the city without its moments of beauty.

2、“only + 状语” 位于句首。

3、such, so, well, often, many a time 等表示程度、频率的副词位于句首。

mighty adj. 1. very strong and powerful a mighty warrior

a mighty empire

With a mighty kick, he broke down the door. mighty adj. 2. large and impressive

mighty mountain peaks mighty oak trees

hold sb./sth.⇔up: to delay sb. or sth. Our flight was held up by fog.

My application was held up by the postal strike. Road-works on the motorway are holding up traffic.

dawdle v. to take a long time to do sth or go somewhere Stop dawdling and hurry up: we're late.

Eleanor will be back any moment, if she doesn't dawdle. sth. after sth.

*day* after *day week* after *week year* after *year time* after *time*

He fired *shot* after *shot*.

Shelley sent him *letter* after *letter* to explain the delay. They sent *regiment* after *regiment* to attack us.

In *factory* after *factory* we were shown machines built by the workers themselves.

It suddenly dawned on me that this express was not roaring down the line at 90 miles an hour, but barely chugging along at 30.

sth. dawn on sb. sth. occur to sb. sth. strike sb.

sth. cross one’s mind

It dawned on me that Joanna had been right all along.

It suddenly occurred to one of the workers to open up the box.

It suddenly struck me how we could improve the situation.

It didn't cross her mind that she might be doing something illegal. sb. realize that …

sb. become aware (of the fact) that … sb. wake up to the fact that …

roar down …

The silence was suddenly broken when a large car, with its headlights on and its horn blaring, roared down the arcade.

chug v. if a car, train etc. chugs somewhere, it moves there slowly, with the engine making a repeated low sound

chug along / down / up etc.

An old car chugged *down* the road. cover v. travel (a certain distance)

By sunset we had covered thirty miles.

A week before, he had completed a successful overland flight during which he covered twenty-six miles.

The bird covered the distance in three minutes. hear of / about

know of / about learn of / about

determine / resolve to do sth. (fml.)

After the divorce she determined / resolved never to marry again. choose to do sth.

What invariably happens is that a great number of things choose to go wrong at precisely the same moment.

She chose to ignore my advice.

More young couples are choosing not to marry. lodge / bring / file a complaint

get / receive a complaint

deal with / handle a complaint investigate a complaint resolve a complaint

reject a complaint stationmaster / station master

an official in charge of a railroad or bus station deny + sth. / doing / that …

admit / acknowledge + sth. / doing / that …

He denied the charge. / knowing about it. / that he had stolen the sheep.

He admitted / acknowledged the charge. / knowing about it. / that he had stolen the sheep. deny the existence of sth. / sth.’s existence

When he denied *the train's existence*, I borrowed his copy of the timetable. Atheists deny *the existence of God*.

Officials have repeatedly denied *the existence of a secret report*.

But the copy he gave him had not been written out in full as usual.

There was a note of triumph in my voice when I told him that it was there in black and white. note n. a way of speaking or writing that shows what someone’s feelings are 语言文字中带有某种感情

there is / was a note of … in …

There was a note of *triumph* in my voice when I told him that it was there in black and white. There was a note of *doubt* in her voice.

There was a note of *self-satisfaction* in his speech. There was a note of *sadness* in her letter.

in black and white: in writing or in print 白纸黑字（书写的或印刷的）

I want the contract in black and white.

a black-and-white photograph / television / printer a color photograph / television / printer

beat sb. black and blue be in the black

We've managed to stay in the black for over a year now. be in the red

This is the airline's fourth straight year in the red. glance at …

Glancing at it briefly, the dealer told him that it was worth £50.

Glancing at his map, he informed us that the next village was a mere twenty miles away. take / have / shoot / throw / cast a glance (at …)

The couple at the next table cast quick glances in our direction.

So I drove back to the town and began to retrace the route, taking frequent glances at the map. conduct sb. to …

I asked the attendant to conduct him to the door.

footnote n. a note at the bottom of the page in a book, which gives more information about something 脚注

say v. 上面写着……

The sign says ‘Keep Out’. What did the letter say?

The first thing I saw when I entered the art gallery was a notice which said: 'Do not touch the exhibits. Some of them are dangerous!'

The ferry service has been suspended for the day because of bad weather. The policeman was suspended while the complaint was investigated.

Dave was suspended from school for a week.