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Introduction to Stages 9 and 10

The information below relates to Stages 9 and 10 only. For an explanation of how to conduct a Callan Method lesson, please read the Teacher's Handbook. Information on Callan Method training courses for teachers can be found by visiting the Callan Method website at www.callan.co.uk

Stages 9 and 10 are upper intermediate level stages of the method. The main focus of Stages 9 and 10 is to build the student's vocabulary. However, most of the lessons do contain elements of grammar. As such, by the end of Stage 10, a Callan Method student will be able to prepare for exams at B2 level (CEFR) without having to confront any new grammatical concepts. They can, therefore, focus their preparation on the exam itself – practising task types, developing test-taking strategies etc.

Stage 9 contains more idioms. Idioms are first introduced in Stage 7. Remember that the English language contains literally thousands of idioms and the ones contained in the Method are simply a selection of some of the more common ones. These idioms should be taught in much the same way as any other item of new work. After the class repeat the idiom, you should explain the meaning and then read out the example in the book before going into the questions below.

Do a complete revision at the end of Stage 10. At the end of Stage 9, there is no need to do a complete revision. As long as the class is progressing comfortably, they can just continue straight into Stage 10. At the end of Stage 10, however, you should do a complete revision of Stages 9 and 10. Remember that adequate revision is the key to solid progress, and a review of earlier stages can be included if required.

STAGE 9

LESSON 127

social

What do we mean by a person's social life? By a person's social life, we mean what they do with their friends etc. in their free time outside work

edge

little by little

intend

What part of the table is this? That part of ... is the edge

Can we balance a coin on its edge? Yes, we can ...

Can we cut bread with the thick edge of a knife? No, we can't ...

The verb "to edge" means "to move slowly and carefully towards somewhere".

What does the verb "to edge" mean? The verb ... "to move slowly and carefully towards somewhere"

Why does a car have to edge forward slowly when turning from a side street into a main street? A car has to edge forward ... so that the other cars have enough time to see what it intends doing

tin

preserve

aluminium

Why do factories put food in tins? Factories put food in tins to preserve it

What metal is a tin made of? A tin is made of tin or aluminium

on average

On average, how many times a week do you go out socially?

On average, I go out ...

Comparatives and superlatives of adjectives, participles and adverbs

Most adjectives of two syllables which have the stress on the first syllable form their comparatives and superlatives by adding "-er" and "-est". For example, "clever – cleverer – cleverest" and "simple – simpler – simplest".

How do most adjectives of two syllables which have the stress on the first syllable form their comparatives and superlatives?

Most adjectives of ... by adding "-er" and "-est"

Give me some examples, please.

narrow – narrower – narrowest;
happy – happier – happiest

However, adjectives ending in "-ful" or "-less" form their comparatives and superlatives by using "more than" and "the most". For example, "helpful – more helpful – the most helpful" and "careless – more careless – the most careless".

Which adjectives of two syllables form their comparatives and superlatives by using "more than" and "the most"?

The adjectives of ...
are those ending in "-ful" or "-less"

Give me some examples, please.

careful –
more careful – the most careful;
useless – more useless – the most useless

Some adjectives are made from the participles of verbs. For example, "a surprising result" or "an interested child". These adjectives form their comparatives and superlatives by using "more than" and "the most". For example, "boring – more boring – the most boring" and "pleased – more pleased – the most pleased".

How do we form the comparatives and superlatives of adjectives made from the participles of verbs?

We form the ... by using "more than" and "the most"

Give me some examples, please.

exciting –
more exciting – the most exciting;
tired – more tired – the most tired

There are some exceptions to these rules, but if you are not sure how to form the comparative and superlative of an adjective, it is best to use "more than" and "the most".

If you are not sure how to form the comparative and superlative of an adjective, what is it best to do?

If you are not sure ..., it's best to use "more than" and "the most"

Adverbs that are made by adding "-ly" to an adjective form their comparatives and superlatives by using "more than" and "the most". For example, "carefully – more carefully – the most carefully".

How do we form the comparatives and superlatives of adverbs that are made by adding "-ly" to an adjective?

We form the ... of adverbs that are made by adding "-ly" to an adjective by using "more than" and "the most"

Give me some examples, please.

happily –
more happily – the most happily;
loudly – more loudly – the most loudly

sympathy

What kind of people do you have most sympathy for?

The kind of people I have most sympathy for are those who have a serious illness etc.

reckon

airline

Do you reckon you could jump up and touch the ceiling?

Yes, I reckon I could ...

~ No, I don't reckon I could ...

Which airline do you reckon is the biggest in the world at the moment?

I reckon ... is the ...



Students read Lesson 121 on page 658

horrible

Can the weather sometimes be horrible in the middle of winter?

Yes, the weather can ...

anxiety

anxious

Do you feel any anxiety about the future of the world?

Yes, I feel some ... ~ No, I don't feel any ...

Why is a shopkeeper always anxious to please his customers?

A shopkeeper is ...
so that they will come back again

possession

What's your most valuable personal possession?

My ... is/are my ...

entertain

Supposing you could entertain a famous person at your house, either a great figure in history or someone alive today, who would you choose?

Supposing I could entertain ..., I'd choose ...

background

apply

What do we mean by the background of a picture or a photograph?

By the background ..., we mean the part which is behind the main subject

When students apply to go to university, are they asked questions about their personal background?

Yes, when students ..., they're asked ...

~ No, when students ..., they aren't asked ...

What kind of activities do you apply your energy to most?

The kind of activities ... are ...

Does the law of the land apply to everybody?

Yes, the law ...

Do you know what you have to do to apply for a new passport?

Yes, I know what ... ~ No, I don't know what ...

highly

the Browns

Give me a sentence with the word "highly".

It's highly probable that the Browns won't come today.

Name me a profession that is both highly respected and highly paid.

A profession that is ... is ...

ancient

Egypt

Which is one of the most ancient civilizations in the history of the world?
One of the ... is the Egyptian civilization, the Babylonian civilization etc.

degree

angle

right angle

grade

centigrade

How many degrees are there in a right angle?
There are 90 degrees in a right angle

What do you think the temperature is today?
I think the temperature is about ... degrees centigrade today

If a student gets an A grade in an exam, is that a good result or a bad result?
If a student ..., that's a good result

somewhat

Give me a sentence with the word "somewhat".
I'd say he was somewhat lacking in common sense

On average, are Scandinavian people somewhat taller than people in the rest of Europe?
Yes, on average, Scandinavian people are somewhat ...

at all

Give me a sentence with the words "at all".
It's very strange; I've worked hard all day but don't feel tired at all

Idiom 28

why on earth = a very strong form of "why"

e.g. Why on earth didn't you call me and ask for help?

What does the idiom "why on earth" mean?

The idiom ...
"a very strong ..."

Give me an example, please.

I just can't understand
why on earth they got married if
they don't like each other very much

unity



Dictation 84

There are various means of transport/ we can use these days,/ but in the old days,/ people only had the choice/ of going on foot/ or on horseback,/ or by some horse-drawn form of transport./ Being overweight/ is usually due to overeating./ One usually needs to be taught/ how to operate a factory machine./ Unity is essential for success/ in a battle./ Tom is the elder/ of the two children,/ though even he is not very old./ They just could not decide/ whether to rent a house/ for a fortnight/ or stay at a hotel./ Eventually, however,/ they chose to rent a house.

LESSON 128

Using nouns as adjectives

We can often use a noun as an adjective in English simply by putting it immediately before another noun, as in the expression "train station". When we do this, the word "train" becomes an adjective to describe the noun "station". For example, a shoe shop is a shop; the word "shoe" tells us what it sells. A book cover is a cover for a book.

Sometimes, these expressions are used so often that they eventually become one word. For example, "ashtray", "bedroom", "toothbrush" etc.

How can we often use a noun as an adjective in English?

We can ... by putting it
immediately before another noun

Give me three examples, please.

window cleaner,
cat basket, school bag

What's a water bottle?

A water bottle is a bottle
that is made to carry water

What kind of plate do we eat dinner from?

We eat ...
a dinner plate

confident

now that

Now that you are at this stage of your English studies, do you think you'd be able to travel abroad confident of making yourself understood in the language?

Yes, now that I'm at ...
~ No, even though I'm at ...

agree about

agree that

agree to

agree with

If a friend of yours wants to go to one cinema and you want to go to another, and you can't agree about which to go to, what do you do?

If a friend of mine wants to ..., we ...

Do you agree that life was better in the past than it is today?

Yes, I agree that ... ~ No, I don't agree that ...

Would you agree to do an extra three hours of English today?

Yes, I'd agree to ... ~ No, I wouldn't agree to ...

Would you agree to a plan that might get you into trouble with the police?

Yes, I'd agree to ... ~ No, I wouldn't agree to ...

When you don't agree with other people, what do you do?

When I don't agree with ..., I ...

take care

run over

care for

What do you think ought to be done with drivers who don't take care whilst driving, and consequently run people over?

I think that drivers who don't ... ought to ...

When you were a child, who took care of you when you were ill?

When I was ..., ... took care of me ...

If you went for dinner at a friend's house but didn't care much for the food, would you still tell them it was good?

Yes, if I went ..., I'd still tell ...

~ No, if I went ..., I wouldn't tell ...

I dare say ...

daring

require

"I dare say you're right" means "I think you are probably right". This expression is only used in the first person.

What does the expression "I dare say you're right" mean?

The expression "I dare say you're right" means "I think you're probably right"

What kind of jobs would you say required the most daring?

I'd say the kind of jobs which ... would be ...

conserve

In dry countries, do people try to conserve water as much as possible?

Yes, in dry countries, people ...

eager

When you eventually finish studying English, do you think you'll be eager to start learning another language immediately?

Yes, when I eventually ..., I think I'll be ...

~ No, when I eventually ..., I don't think I'll be ...

rub

rub out

rubber

Why do we rub our hands together in cold weather?

We rub ... because it makes them warmer

How can we rub out a pencil mark on a piece of paper?

We can rub out ... by using a rubber

face

face to face

Where does this window face onto?

This window ...
the street, a courtyard etc.

If you found yourself face to face with a killer with a knife in
his hand, what'd you do?

If I found myself ..., I'd ...



Students read Lesson 122 on page 665

god

Do all religions in the world have a god?

No, not
all religions ...

thus

The word "thus" can mean "therefore". For example, "He was busy with work, and thus could not go to the theatre". "Thus" can also mean "in this way", in which case it is followed by the "-ing" form of a verb. For example, "The weather was cold and wet, thus spoiling our trip to the seaside".

What can the word "thus" mean?

The word "thus"
can mean "therefore" or "in this way"

Give me an example of each, please.

She is ill, and thus
will not be able to attend the meeting.
The mother cut the sandwich into small pieces,
thus making it easier for her young son to eat.

economize

If the cost of living suddenly rose and you needed to economize, what changes would you make in your life?

If the cost ... to economize, I'd ...

involve

Does my job involve correcting your mistakes?

Yes,
your job ...

Have you ever been involved in organizing a surprise party for a friend or family member?

Yes, I've been ...
~ No, I've never been ...

attack

Do innocent people ever get attacked in the streets of your home town?

Yes, innocent people ... ~ No, innocent people ...

scarcely

scarce

What's another word for "hardly"?

Another word for
"hardly" is "scarcely"

Give me an example, please.

He scarcely knew anyone
at the party so he went home early

What do I mean if I say that I have scarcely any money?

If you say that ..., you mean
that you have almost no money

Why does food become scarce in war time?

Food becomes
scarce in war time because there aren't
enough people to work on the farms or in the factories

impression

Do you think it's fair to judge people on first impressions?

Yes, I think it's ... ~ No, I don't think it's ...

If you held a dinner party and served food that had been cooked in a microwave, would it make a good impression on your guests?

No, if I held ..., it wouldn't make ...

bury

cemetery

What does a dog do with a bone?

A dog buries
a bone in the ground

What is a cemetery?

A cemetery is a place where
people are buried when they die

anger

additional

What angers you more than anything else?

... angers me
more than anything else

Does it anger you when an airline makes an additional charge for luggage?

Yes, it angers me when ...
~ No, it doesn't anger me when ...

insult /ɪn'sʌlt/

insult /'ɪnsʌlt/

What do you think is the best way to insult a person?

I think the best ... is to ...

If a foreign person said something negative to you about your country, would you consider it an insult?

Yes, If a foreign
person ..., I'd consider ...
No, if a foreign person ..., I wouldn't consider ...

Idiom 29

for heaven's sake = a very strong form of "please"

e.g. For heaven's sake, be quiet and let me get some sleep!

What does the idiom "for heaven's sake" mean? The idiom
... "a very strong ..."

Give me an example, please. For heaven's sake, don't
do that again, or I'll be very angry!

madness



Dictation 85

Football is played throughout the whole world./ He used to be a popular prime minister,/ but what he said last month/ about the strikes/ was political madness./ Provided you go straight home after school,/ you will be in time to see/ your uncle before he leaves./ Everyone was dressed/ in their very best clothes/ for the big wedding party,/ which commenced at 8 p.m./ The waiter placed the tray/ carefully on the table./ The meal he had brought us/ consisted of potatoes/ and a small piece of meat/ which appeared to be old and hard.



Do Revision Exercise 57

LESSON 129

Verb + infinitive or "-ing"

Sometimes in English, a verb is immediately followed by another verb. For example, "I enjoy swimming" or "I want to swim". The second verb must be either an infinitive with "to" or a gerund ("-ing" form).

Some verbs, such as "promise" and "fail", are always followed by an infinitive. For example, "The children promised to behave", or "I failed to notice the sign above the door".

Other verbs, such as "consider" and "finish", are always followed by a gerund. For example, "Oliver considered taking the train", or "Elizabeth finished reading the newspaper".

There is no rule to tell you which verbs are followed by an infinitive and which ones are followed by a gerund; they need to be learnt one by one.

In English, if a verb is followed immediately by another verb,
what form must the second verb be? In English, if a verb ...,
the second verb must be either an infinitive or a gerund

Tell me some verbs that are followed by an infinitive, please.
ask, agree, refuse, manage

Tell me some verbs that are followed by a gerund, please.
deny, avoid, practise, miss

Is the verb "promise" followed by an infinitive or a gerund?
The verb "promise" ... an infinitive

Give me an example, please.
He promised to
try harder next time

Is the verb "consider" followed by an infinitive or a gerund?
The verb "consider" ... a gerund

Give me an example, please.

You should
consider buying a new car

afraid of

afraid that

afraid to

crash

Why do you suppose some people, especially children, are
afraid of the dark?

I suppose some ... because
they imagine things that are not there

Why are some people more afraid that they might get killed if
they travel by plane than by other means of transport?

Some people ... because
a plane crash is front-page news

We can also use "afraid" for an apology. For example, a shopkeeper might say to a
customer "I'm afraid we haven't got the size you want, sir".

Give me an example of the word "afraid" used in an apology.

I'm afraid I can't help you

whiskers

gap

fence

hedge

A cat's whiskers are more or less the same width as its body. This means that, when it
goes hunting for mice and birds, it can use its whiskers to measure the width of a gap
in a fence or a hedge to see if it is possible to get through the gap without using force
and making a lot of noise.

For what purpose does a cat use its whiskers?

A cat uses
its whiskers to measure the width of ...

Do you think it's a good idea for students to have a gap year
between finishing school and starting university?

Yes, I
think it's ... ~ No, I don't think it's ...

Why?

Do we have to mind the gap between the train and the edge of the platform at some stations?

Yes, we have to ...

hall **entrance** **town hall**

A hall is a large room. For example, a large house may have an entrance hall, and schools have dining halls. A town hall is a large building that is used for local government and public meetings.

What’s a hall?

A hall is a large room

Give me some examples of different types of hall, please.

entrance hall etc.

What’s a town hall?

A town hall is ...

pool **liquid** **indoor** **outdoor**

indoors **outdoors** **out of doors**

A pool is a small amount of liquid that has collected in one place. For example, a pool of water, a pool of blood etc. From the word "pool", we also get the name "swimming pool".

What is a pool?

A pool is a small amount of ...

Give me some examples, please.

a pool of water,
a pool of blood etc.

What are the advantages of an indoor swimming pool?

The advantages ... are that the water can be heated more easily, and one can swim in it in any kind of weather

Which do you prefer: an indoor or an outdoor swimming pool?

I prefer ...

Do you spend most of your time indoors or outdoors (or out of doors)?

I spend most ...



Students read Lesson 123 on page 672

knee

kneel – knelt – knelt

What do we call this joint of the leg?

We call ... a knee

On what occasions do people kneel?

The occasions
on which people kneel are
when they say their prayers etc.

late

lately

Who was the leader of the late government in your country?

The leader of ... was ...

What do we mean when we speak about the late Mr Johnson?

When we speak ..., we mean
the Mr Johnson who has recently died

Have you seen any good films at the cinema lately?

Yes, I've seen ... ~ No, I haven't seen ...

match

judo

Do many women like to match their handbags with their shoes?

Yes, many women ...

Do you think a small man who was good at judo would be a match for a big man who knew how to box? Yes, I think ...
~ No, I don't think ...

Are football matches usually held at the weekend or during the week? Football matches ... at the weekend

funeral

What colour clothes do European people usually wear for a funeral? European people usually wear black for a funeral

mystery

Do you like reading mystery stories? Yes, I like ...
~ No, I don't like ...

path

Why do we have a path in a garden? We have ... so
that people don't walk on
the grass or on the flowers

insure

insurance

theft

Is it the law in your country that everyone has to insure their car against accidents? Yes, It's the law in ...
~ No, it isn't the law in ...

Do you have any insurance against loss or theft for your personal possessions? Yes, I have ... ~ No, I don't have ...

throne

What do we call the chair a king or queen sits on?

We call ... a throne

annoy

fly

fall asleep

Does it annoy you when you're watching a film at the cinema and someone in the audience keeps talking?

Yes, it

annoys me ... ~ No, it doesn't annoy me ...

If a fly was flying around your head while you were trying to fall asleep, would you get annoyed or would you be able to ignore it?

If a fly ..., I'd ...

sore

What do you think is the best thing to do for a sore throat?

I think the best ...

If you rubbed your finger on the edge of the table like this for a long time, what'd happen?

If I rubbed my finger ...,
I'd get a sore finger

design

Tell me the name of a company that's famous for making beautifully designed products?

The name of ... is ...

Idiom 30

keep your fingers crossed = wish for good luck

e.g. Good luck with the exam; I'll keep my fingers crossed for you.

What does the idiom "keep your fingers crossed" mean?

The idiom ... "wish for good luck"

Give me an example, please.

It's quite a cloudy day
for a picnic, so we'll just have to
keep our fingers crossed it doesn't rain

Is it the custom in your country for people to cross their fingers when they wish for something? If not, what do they do instead?

Yes, it's the custom ...
~ No, it isn't the custom ...; instead, they ...



Dictation 86

It looks as if/ we are in serious trouble./ Not only have we lost our money/ and
return tickets home,/ but also the key to the front door./ I will have to look the
word up/ in a modern dictionary;/ this one is too old./ Though there has been
some delay,/ the goods will nonetheless/ arrive in time./ Walking in the forest,/
we came across a great lion,/ which did not seem at all fierce,/ lying lazily in the
sun./ He was clearly the king of the forest, however,/ and did not need to do
anything/ to show the other animals/ that this was his kingdom.

LESSON 130

Compound adjectives

compound

Sometimes, words can be put together to make compound adjectives. For example, a child that behaves well can be called "a well-behaved child". The phrase "well-behaved" is a compound adjective.

One common way of making compound adjectives is by putting an adverb or adjective together with a participle. For example, a wedding that has been planned badly could be called "a badly planned wedding".

Give me an example of a compound adjective made by putting an adverb or adjective together with a participle.

a beautifully designed jacket, a slow-moving train

Which do you think is more important for a long-lasting marriage: love or respect?

I think ... is more important
than ... for a long-lasting marriage

Which is the most well-known restaurant in this town?

... is the most ...

Notice that, although we often connect the words in a compound adjective with a hyphen, we should not use a hyphen after an adverb ending in "ly". For example, in the phrase "carefully written homework", notice that there is no hyphen after the word "carefully".

Sometimes, we make compound adjectives by putting an adjective together with a noun that has the letters "ed" after it. For example, a girl with long hair can be called a long-haired girl.

Give me an example of a compound adjective made by putting an adjective together with a noun that has the letters "ed" after it.

a four-legged animal, a blue-eyed baby

Do you live in a brick-walled building?

Yes, I live ...
~ No, I don't live ...

Do you consider yourself to be an open-minded person?

Yes, I consider ... ~ No, I don't consider ...

currency	unit	penny	pence
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The currency of a country is the particular money that is used in that country. In the UK, the main unit of currency is the pound. The smaller unit of currency is the penny. A hundred pennies (or more commonly "pence") make a pound.

What's the main unit of currency in your country?

The main ... is the ...

In the UK, how many pence make a pound?

In the UK,
a hundred pence make a pound

We use the word "penny" to talk about the penny coin itself. The plural is "pennies". If you are holding six pennies in your hand, you are holding six coins. However, we use the word "pence" to talk about value. For example, we say "This cake cost ninety pence".

When do we use the word "penny" and when do we use the word "pence"?

We use the word "penny" to talk about the penny coin itself, whereas we use the word "pence" to talk about value

Instead of saying "pence", people usually just say "p". For example, "This pencil cost 70p".

What do people usually say instead of "pence"?

People usually say "p" instead of "pence"

Give me an example, please.

Could you possibly lend me 60p, please?

slow down

speed up

in addition to

When we speak about driving a car, what's the opposite of "to slow down"?

When we ..., ... "to speed up"

If you study English at home in addition to attending lessons at a school, can you speed up your progress in learning?

Yes, if you study ..., you can ...

forbid – forbade – forbidden

What are the three forms of "forbid"?

The three forms of "forbid" are "forbid, forbade, forbidden"

When your parents forbade you to do something when you were a small child, did the fact that it was forbidden sometimes just make you want to do it even more?

Yes, when my ..., the fact ... made ...

~ No, when my ..., the fact ... didn't make ...

peculiar

peculiarity

What do we mean by a peculiar sound?

By a peculiar sound, we mean a strange sound that may be difficult to identify

Tell me the name of a dish that's peculiar to your country.

The name of ... is ...

Do English pronunciation and spelling have many peculiarities?

Yes, English ...



Students read Lesson 124 on page 678

Doubling consonants

Suffix

Sometimes, we need to double the final consonant of a word before we can add a suffix beginning with a vowel. We do this when a word of one syllable ends in a single consonant preceded by a single vowel. For example, "big – bigger", "hit – hitting", "fit – fitted" etc.

When do we need to double the final consonant of a word before we can add a suffix beginning with a vowel?

We need to ... when a word of one syllable ends in a single consonant preceded by a single vowel

Give me three examples, please.

sad – sadder,
fat – fattest, run – running

either of them

neither of them

Notice the way in which we can answer the following: "Which of these books do you want?" – "Either of them. It doesn't matter; they are both equally interesting", or "Neither of them; they are both very boring".

If I asked you which of two things you wanted, and the choice was of no importance to you, what would you reply?

If you asked ..., I'd reply "Either of them"

And if you weren't interested in either of the two things, what would you reply?

If I weren't ..., I'd reply "Neither of them"

screw

screwdriver

What's the difference between a nail and a screw?

The difference ... is that we hammer a nail into something with a hammer, whereas we screw a screw into something by turning it with a screwdriver

maximum

minimum

What's the maximum number of people you could invite to a party if you held it in the building where you live?

The maximum ...

What's the minimum number of people necessary for a game of tennis?

The minimum ...

point

essay

paragraph

Do you think there's any point in someone learning a foreign language if they never intend to use it?

Yes, I think there's

a point in ... even if they never ...

~ No, I don't think there's any point in ... if they never ...

When a college student is writing an essay, should they put all their main points in one big paragraph?

No, when a

college student ..., they shouldn't ...; they should

divide the points between different paragraphs

pad

cotton wool

absorb

When we cut ourselves, why might we put a pad of cotton wool over the cut?

When we cut ..., we might ...

to absorb the blood and protect the wound

Is this chair padded?

Yes, this chair's padded

~ No, this chair isn't padded

reach out

What am I doing?

You're reaching out for me to give you something

scale

What do we mean by the scale on a thermometer?

By the scale ..., we mean the marks on it showing the temperature

What do we mean when we say that a map is drawn to a scale of one inch to a mile?

When we say that ..., we mean that one inch on the map equals one mile of actual land

Idiom 31

sore point = a subject which makes somebody feel unhappy or angry when it is mentioned

e.g. Don't ask him why he had to sell his car last year; it's a sore point with him.

What does the idiom "sore point" mean?

The idiom ...
"a subject which makes ..."

Give me an example, please.

Don't speak about what happened on holiday last summer; it's a sore point

corner



Dictation 87

The men arrived late at the factory/ so often that they lost their jobs./ It is said that/ when a rat is cornered/ by a man/ and has to fight for its life,/ it will fly/ at the man's throat./ John did not realize/ what he was doing/ and consequently forgot/ to shut the door behind him./ They have led/ a very comfortable life till now./ I suppose we'll reach/ the end of the book eventually/ if we keep working steadily./ The price of goods/ depends on supply and demand./ If the demand is great/ but the supply is small,/ the price will, of course, be high.



Do Revision Exercise 58

LESSON 131

Unfinished sentences ending with "to"

Sometimes we leave a sentence unfinished, ending it with the word "to". For example, instead of saying "She didn't kiss him, but she wanted to kiss him", we can say "She didn't kiss him, but she wanted to". We do this with verbs that are followed by the infinitive with "to", including the auxiliaries "ought to", "used to" and "have to".

Give me an example of an unfinished sentence ending with "to", please.

He doesn't know if he'll see her at the party but he's hoping to

Finish this sentence, please: "I don't want to do it, but I suppose I ought to".

I don't want ... ought to do it

chance

by chance

What do we mean when we say we give someone a second chance?

When we say ..., we mean they have failed at something or done something wrong, but we give them the opportunity to try again

Why do people have a much greater chance of living to a much greater age these days than they did in the old days?

People have ... because life today is easier and more comfortable, and medicine has improved a lot in recent times

Which of the most important events in your life have happened to you by chance?

Of the most important events in my life, the ones that have ...

take hold of

take by surprise

take a look

second-hand

Why do people take hold of something when they suddenly become afraid?

People take ... in order to give themselves strength and support

What do people often do when they are taken by surprise?

People often jump when ...

Would it be wise to buy a second-hand car without taking a look at the engine first?

No, it wouldn't be ...

Some other uses of "take" are "take a holiday", "take a break", "take an exam" etc.

Give me some other uses of the verb "take", please.

take a chance , take a decision etc.

temptation

dishonest

Do you ever get the temptation to do something a little bit dishonest?

Yes, I sometimes ... ~ No, I never ...

view

What kind of view would you like to have from your bedroom window?

I'd like ... a view of ...

hide – hid – hidden

Where'd be the best place to hide from the police in this building?

The best place ... in this building would be ...

What are the three forms of “hide”?

The three forms
of “hide” are “hide, hid, hidden”

liar

Who’s the biggest liar you’ve ever met?

... is the biggest ...

pay attention

detail

Why do you have to pay attention all the time during a Callan Method lesson?

I have to ... because the teacher
could suddenly ask me a question at any moment

When the police are searching for evidence at the scene of a crime, do they have to pay attention to very small details?

Yes, when the police are ...

When you ask a friend what they did last weekend, for example, do you expect them to go into great detail about everything that happened or just give you the basic facts?

When I ask ..., I ...



Students read Lesson 125 on page 684

“The” + adjective = noun

Sometimes, we can use an adjective as a noun by putting the definite article “the” before the adjective. For example, instead of saying “young people”, we can say “the young”. A noun formed in this way is always plural and takes a plural verb.

Do you think governments should do more to help the poor?

Yes, I think ...

Do the very old and the very young sometimes find it harder to fight illness than other people?

Yes, the very old ...

We can do the same thing with certain nationalities. For example, instead of "English people" we can talk about "the English". This can be done with adjectives ending in "sh", "ch", "ese" or "ss". For example, "the Spanish", "the French", "the Chinese", "the Swiss" etc.

Which nationalities are particularly famous for their food?

The French, the Italians, the Chinese etc. are ...

sweat

nervous

When do people sweat?

People sweat when they do exercise,
when they are nervous, and when the weather is hot

Do you get very nervous before exams?

Yes, I get ...
~ No, I don't get ...

underneath

unlike

The difference between "under" and "underneath" is the same as that between "after" and "afterwards". "Underneath" means "under that" or "under it", and, unlike the word "under", it does not usually need to be followed by any other words. For example, instead of saying "I knelt down by the car and looked under it", we can say "I knelt down by the car and looked underneath".

What's the difference between "under" and "underneath"?

The difference ... "underneath" means
"under that" or "under it", and ... it does not
usually need to be followed by any other words

Give me an example, please.

I knelt down by the car and
looked under it – I knelt down ... underneath

wander

distinguish

a while

Can you distinguish the difference in pronunciation between
the words "wander" and "wonder"?

Yes, I can ... ~ No, I can't ...

What does the word “wander” mean?

The word “wander” means to walk around without any particular purpose or direction

Give me an example, please.

We had lots of time before our train was due to leave so we just wandered around the shops for a while

What does the word “wonder” mean?

The word “wonder” means to ask yourself questions

Give me an example, please.

There are some peculiar smells coming from the kitchen; I wonder what John’s cooking in there.

Idiom 32

get you down = make you tired and unhappy

e.g. This horrible weather we’re having is beginning to get me down.

What does the idiom “get you down” mean?

The idiom ... “make you tired and unhappy”

Give me an example, please.

He had to stop work because the problems and difficulties of the job got him down after a time

LESSON 132

still

yet

annoyance

As we already know, we use the word "still" for something that is in progress at the moment, whereas we use "yet" for something that has not begun or happened. This means that "still" is generally used in positive sentences, whereas "yet" is generally used in negative and interrogative sentences.

However, it is possible to use "still" in negative sentences. For example, instead of saying "He hasn't done the work yet", we can say "He **still** hasn't done the work". This communicates a feeling of surprise or annoyance, and the word "still" is stressed in the sentence.

What feeling does the word "still" communicate when we use it in a negative sentence?

The word "still" ...
surprise or annoyance ...

Give me an example, please.

I've explained it a hundred times but he still doesn't understand!

"Still" can also be used in questions. For example, "Are you still living in London?". This can also communicate a feeling of surprise or annoyance, but only if there is a heavy stress on the word "still" in the question. For example, "Are you still in the bathroom, Jane? Please hurry up!".

Can the word "still" be used in questions?

Yes, the word
"still" can ...

Give me an example, please.

It's nearly midnight.
Are you still working?

Sometimes, we use the words "still", or more commonly "even", in a comparative structure in order to communicate that something is surprising. For example, "My brother is tall, but my uncle is still taller", or "We're driving fast but we need to drive even faster to avoid being late".

When do we use the words “still”, or more commonly “even”, in a comparative structure?
We use ... to communicate that something is surprising

Give me an example, please.
My French is bad, and my English is still worse. Joe is fairly greedy, but his sister’s even greedier.

according to	in my opinion
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If I said to you that, according to the newspapers this morning, life had been discovered on another planet, would you believe me?
Yes, if you said ..., I’d believe you
~ No, if you said ..., I wouldn’t believe you

What, according to you, is the best way to deal with murderers?
In my opinion, the best way ...

When things don’t go according to plan, what do you do?
When things don’t go ...

band	disturbance	military
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In this town, do you get bands of young people going around the streets at night causing disturbances?
Yes, in this town, we get ... ~ No, in this town, we don’t get ...

Name a band that’s very popular in your country.
A band that’s ... is ...

Do you like the sound of a military band?
Yes, I like ...
~ No, I don’t like ...

Why do they put a band of material inside a hat?
They put a ... to help the hat to keep its shape

Why do tennis players sometimes wear a band of material around their wrist?
Tennis players ... to absorb the sweat

link

browse

Is there a definite link between cigarette smoking and serious illness?

Yes, there's a ...

When browsing on the internet, do you ever follow so many links that you forget what you were originally doing?

Yes, when ..., I sometimes ... ~ No, when ..., I never ...

Do you enjoy browsing round shops at the weekend?

Yes, I enjoy ... ~ No, I don't enjoy ...



Students read Lesson 126 on page 690

carriage

invention

What's the noun of the verb "to carry"?

The noun ...
"carriage"

How many carriages does the average train consist of?

The average train consists of about ... carriages

What caused people to stop using the horse and carriage as a form of everyday transport?

The invention of the
steam engine and the car caused ...

In your opinion, what's the most important invention in history, apart from the wheel?

In my opinion, the most ...

explanation

If you have a car accident and make a claim on your insurance, do you have to give a detailed explanation of what happened?

Yes, if you ..., you have to ...

about

for days and days

what about (you)

We must now note some of the different uses of the word "about".

What kind of things do housemates argue about?

The kind of ... are cleaning, noise etc.

Do you think there's anything bad about lying to someone in order not to hurt their feelings?

Yes, I think there's something ... ~ No, I don't think there's anything ...

Do people stand about on the corners of the streets in your town?

Yes, people stand about ... ~ No, people don't stand about ...

Are you in the habit of leaving your clothes lying about on your bedroom floor for days and days?

Yes, I'm in the habit of ... ~ No, I'm not in the habit of ...

If you came to the classroom for your lesson one day but there was nobody about, what would you do?

If I came ..., I'd ...

I don't think there's going to be another world war; what about you?

I agree. I don't think there's going to ... ~ I don't agree. I think there's going to ...

bitter

dissatisfaction

Does tea without sugar taste sweet?

No, tea ...; it tastes bitter

Why do some people feel bitter, especially in their old age?

Some people ... because they feel that life has not been fair to them

neat

What word can we use instead of the word “tidy”?

We can use the word “neat” instead of the word “tidy”

poverty

Do you think there'll always be high levels of poverty in some parts of the world?

Yes, I think ... ~ No, I don't think ...

admire

admiration

Who do you admire more than anyone else?

I admire ...
more than anyone else

Why?

What's the noun of the verb “to admire”?

The noun of
the verb “to admire” is “admiration”

generous

Do you think the rich are more generous than the poor?

Yes, I think ... ~ No, I don't think ...

Idiom 33

touch and go = very uncertain

e.g. It was touch and go for a moment. I thought the piece of wood would break and we'd all fall into the sea.

What does the idiom “touch and go” mean?

The idiom ...
“very uncertain”

Give me an example, please.

The car was in very bad
condition, and it was touch and go
whether it would get us home or not



Dictation 88

The ship sank slowly/ to the ocean bed./ Some of the men on board drowned/
because they were unable to swim./ Others managed to save themselves/ by
holding onto pieces of wood/ and were slowly carried to land/ by the tide./ In the
past,/ some empires were built/ when one country conquered another/ and then
demanded a tax,/ which then made it easier/ to conquer still more countries./ He
was a great literary figure/ of his day,/ but today he is read very little.



Do Revision Exercise 59

LESSON 133

Further uses of the verb "wish"

We use the verb "wish" followed by the word "would" when we are unhappy or irritated about something that is happening and we want the situation to change. For example, if somebody is irritating us by making a lot of noise and we want them to be quiet, we can say "I wish he would be quiet". If we are unhappy because it is raining and we want it to stop, we can say "I wish it would stop raining".

When do we use the verb "wish" followed by the word "would"?

We use the verb "wish" ... when we are unhappy or irritated about something that is happening and we want the situation to change

Give me some examples, please.

I wish they would hurry up and finish the job! I wish my dad would send me some money!

In formal written English, "wish" can be followed by the infinitive with "to", with the meaning of "want" or "would like". For example, "I wish to complain" means "I would like to complain".

When do we use the verb "wish" followed by the infinitive with "to"?

We use the verb "wish" ... in formal written English

And what does it mean?

It means "want" or "would like"

Give me an example, please.

We wish to inform you that your payment has been received

We can also use "wish" to communicate the idea that we want something good to happen to somebody. For example, "I wished her good luck in her exam", or "Don't forget to wish them a pleasant journey".

Give me an example of “wish” used to communicate the idea that we want something good to happen to somebody.

He wished me a happy birthday

hitchhike

Have you ever hitchhiked?

Yes, I've hitchhiked
~ No, I've never hitchhiked

Would you recommend hitchhiking as a good way for visitors to travel around your country?

Yes, I'd recommend ...
~ No, I wouldn't recommend ...

Why or why not?

dear

Do you think it's possible for two people to remain dear friends for life?

Yes, I think it's ... ~ No, I don't think it's ...

Of all your personal possessions, which is the most dear to you?

Of all my ..., my ... is/are ...

What's the dearest thing you're wearing?

My ... is/are the dearest ...

easy ease at ease ill at ease

What do we mean by an easy life?

By an easy life, we mean a comfortable life, free from stress

Do you feel at ease in strange company, or do you feel ill at ease?

I feel ... in strange company

Are you able to do all the dictations in this book with ease?

Yes, I'm able to do ... ~ No, I'm not able to do ...

If you have a headache, what do you think is the best way to ease the pain?

If I have ..., I think ...

to be obliged

Have you ever been obliged to appear in court for any reason?

Yes, I've been ... ~ No, I've never been ...

steal rob robbery thief mask

Although the verbs "steal" and "rob" are quite similar in meaning, there is a difference in grammar, as follows:

"steal" something "from" somebody (or somewhere)

"rob" somebody (or somewhere) "of" something

For example, we can say "The thief stole my watch from me" or "The thief robbed me of my watch".

What's the difference in grammar between the verbs "steal" and "rob"?

The difference in grammar ... is that we
"steal" something "from" somebody (or somewhere),
whereas we "rob" somebody (or somewhere) "of" something

Give me an example of each, please.

The thief stole
the handbag from Mary.
The thief robbed Mary of the handbag.

If a thief robbed you of something in the street and ran away, what would you do?

If a thief ..., I'd ...

In real life, have you ever seen a robber running away from the scene of the crime?

Yes, in real life, I've seen ...
~ No, in real life, I've never seen ...

Do bank robbers sometimes hide their identity during robberies by wearing masks? Yes, bank robbers ...



Students read Lesson 127 on page 697

handle

gentle

What’s this? It’s the door handle

What kind of objects must be handled very gently when we touch them? The kind of objects that ... are things such as wine glasses, eggs etc.

What do we mean by a person with a gentle nature? By a person ..., we mean someone who behaves in a calm and kind manner with other people

What do we mean by a gentle wind? By a ..., we mean a wind that is not at all strong

Do you know how to handle a gun? Yes, I know how ...
~ No, I don’t know how ...

What’s the best way to handle a horse? The best way ... is gently, without moving quickly or suddenly

hand-in-hand

arm-in-arm

custom

girlfriend

boyfriend

What do we mean by “walking hand-in-hand”? By “walking hand-in-hand”, we mean two people holding each other’s hand as they walk

Is it the custom in your country for people to walk arm-in-arm with their girlfriend or boyfriend?

Yes, it's the custom ...
~ No, it isn't the custom ...

enable

instruction

booklet

Does the ability to speak several languages enable a person to find a good job more easily?

Yes, the ability to ...

Why do they include instruction booklets with new products like televisions and microwaves?

They include ...
to enable users to understand
how they work and what they can do

tender

tough

lovingly

Which is easier to eat: tender meat or tough meat?

Tender meat is ...

Name a tough metal, please.

Steel is a tough metal

In the sentence "The mother put her hand tenderly on her child's head", what does the word "tenderly" mean?

In the sentence "The mother ...", the
word "tenderly" means "gently and lovingly"

Idiom 34

can't make head or tail of it = can't understand it at all

e.g. I can't make head or tail of this email I got from John this morning. I don't know whether he means he is coming tomorrow or not.

What does the idiom "can't make head or tail of it" mean?

The idiom ... "can't understand it at all"

Give me an example, please.

These instructions
that came with the machine are so
complicated that I can't make head or tail of them



Dictation 89

He used to be in control/ of the largest printing press in the country./ Another
step/ and the child would have stepped/ right off the table/ and fallen onto the
floor./ After a bill has been passed by parliament,/ it becomes an act./ My uncle
was always talking with pride/ about his many adventures abroad/ as a young
man./ I was introduced to the seller,/ gave the car a trial run,/ and found it was
working all right./ Although he was a strong swimmer,/ he was carried out to sea/
by the tide./ He hunted for his wallet/ but couldn't find it.

LESSON 134

Giving/asking for opinions

in my view

from my point of view

if you ask me

as far as I'm concerned

There are various expressions we can use to give an opinion in English. We already know "I'd say", but some other expressions are "in my opinion", "in my view", "from my point of view", "if you ask me", "as far as I'm concerned" etc. Of course, we can also use these expressions to ask for opinions.

Tell me some of the expressions we can use to give someone our opinion in English.

Some of the expressions ...
are "in my opinion", "in my view", "from my
point of view", "if you ask me", "as far as I'm concerned" etc.

Give me an example, please.

If you ask me, he's
the best footballer in this country

In your view, should children be allowed to go to bed
whenever they want?

Yes, in my view, children ...
~ No, in my view, children ...

From your point of view, is it better to live in a big city or in the
countryside?

From my point of view, ...

What would you say was the best way to lose weight?

I'd say the best way ...

As far as you're concerned, which country has the best food in
the world?

As far as I'm concerned, ...

clockwise

anticlockwise

symbol

@ = at

• = dot

When we're using a screw to hang a picture on a wall, do we turn the screw clockwise or anticlockwise? When we're ...,
... clockwise

What do we call the symbol used in email addresses that looks like a lower case letter "a" with a tail going around it anticlockwise? We call ... the "at" sign

What's the email address for this school? The email address ...

inquire (or enquire)

inquiry (or enquiry)

Where do we go to enquire about train times at the station? We go to the enquiry office to ...

When a member of the public is killed by a police officer, do you think there ought to be an official inquiry into the death? Yes, when a ..., I think ... ~ No, when a ..., I don't think ...

escape

prisoner

If you had been a prisoner during the last world war, would you have tried to escape? Yes, if I'd been ..., I'd have tried ...
~ No, if I'd been ..., I wouldn't have tried ...

regret

Is there anything you regret having done or not having done in your life? Yes, there's something ... ~ No, there isn't anything ...

What? Why?

wipe

forehead

towel

What am I doing? You're wiping your forehead with the back of your hand

After washing, what do we wipe our hands and face on? After washing, we ... a towel

interest

shares

When we buy an interest in a business, what are the documents that we buy called? When we buy ..., the documents that we buy are called "shares"

Is it in your own interest to wear a seat belt in a car? Yes, it's in my own ...

Changing the letter "y" to "i"

tidiness

One useful spelling rule to remember is that when a word ends in the letter "y" with a consonant before it, we change the "y" to "i" when adding a suffix. For example, "study – studied". The exception to this rule is when we add the suffix "-ing". In this case, the "y" does not change. For example, "study – studying".

What happens when we add a suffix to a word ending in the letter "y" with a consonant before it? When we add ..., we change the "y" to "i"

Spell the word "babies", please.

b – a – b – i – e – s

Spell the word "tidiness", please.

t – i – d – i – n – e – s – s

What is the exception to this rule?

The exception ... the suffix "ing"

Spell the word "carrying", please.

c – a – r – r – y – i – n – g

If a word ends in the letter "y" with a vowel before it, the "y" does not change to "i" when we add a suffix. For example, "delay – delays".

What happens when we add a suffix to a word ending in the letter "y" with a vowel before it?

When we add ...,
we do not change the "y" to "i"

Spell the word "journeys", please.

j – o – u – r – n – e – y – s



Students read Lesson 128 on page 704

preferable

In a big city like London or Paris, is it preferable for most people to drive a car every day or use public transport?

In a big ..., it's preferable for ...

largely

quality

Do you think that success in life (like making a lot of money) is largely a matter of luck, or do you think certain qualities are required which are more important than luck?

I think that ... ~ I don't think that ...; I think ...

may as well

might as well

We use the expressions "may as well" or "might as well" when we are suggesting something, not because we think it is a great idea but because we cannot think of anything better to do. For example, if we say "We may as well go home now", it means that we are suggesting going home only because we cannot think of a better alternative.

When do we use the expressions "may as well" or "might as well"?

We use the expressions "may as well" or "might as well" when we are suggesting something, not because we think it is a great idea but because we cannot think of anything better to do

Give me an example, please.

It's raining and cold outside.
We may (or might) as well stay at home and watch a film on TV

on account of

If you had bought a ticket for a music festival but then the event was cancelled at the last moment on account of bad weather, do you think you'd be able to get a refund?

Yes, if I had bought..., I think I'd ...
~ No, if I had bought..., I don't think I'd ...

energetic

After eating your lunch each day, do you generally feel more energetic or less energetic?

After eating ..., I generally ...

breath

breathe

out of breath

through

What am I doing?

You're breathing

And what comes out of our mouths when we breathe?

Breath comes ...

How long can you hold your breath for?

I can hold my ...

How do people get out of breath?

People get out of breath through running, climbing the stairs etc.

Idiom 35

lucky break = a piece of good luck, usually following a period of little or no success

e.g. For several months I couldn't find any work, but then I had a lucky break: a man I met at a party offered me a job.

What does the idiom "lucky break" mean?

The idiom ...
"a piece of ..."

Give me an example, please.

We had to hitchhike, but no one stopped for us all morning. Then we had a lucky break: someone picked us up and took us all the way to the city.

clothing



Dictation 90

On the whole,/ we speak English rather well now./ My account is almost empty./ I've spent all my money/ on clothing for the holiday./ The eastern states of North America/ were settled by the Europeans/ before the western states./ If we need to draw out money/ when the banks are closed,/ it's necessary to use a cash machine./ We had all expected/ the temple to be damaged/ by the violent storms./ I'm afraid that our opinions/ differ too greatly./ These shoes are not the same size./ Which navy has the best ships?



Do Revision Exercise 60

LESSON 135

Present perfect continuous: evidence of recent activity

As we already know, we can use the perfect continuous tenses to communicate the duration of an action up to a particular point. For example, "I have been working for one hour so far".

In addition, we can use the present perfect continuous when there is evidence now of a recent activity. For example, "Look at Lucy's eyes; I think she's been crying" or "The road's wet. It's been raining".

Give me an example of the present perfect continuous used when there's evidence now of a recent activity.

Look at David; he's covered in mud.
I think he's been working in his garden.

How can we tell when somebody's been running a lot?

We can tell ... because they're breathing heavily

When we arrive at someone's house, how can we tell if they've recently been cooking?

When we ..., we can tell ...
because we can smell the food

We can use the past perfect continuous in the same way. For example, "When I arrived at David's house last night, I could tell he had been cooking".

Give me an example of the past perfect continuous used in the same way, please.

When I walked into the living room,
both the children looked really angry.
It was clear they had been arguing.

to take into account

tip

When considering the price of a meal in a restaurant, do you take into account such things as the service charge and the waiter's tip?

Yes, when considering ...
~ No, when considering ...

What part of my finger is this?

That's the tip of your finger

When we are trying to think of a word or a name that we know well but we cannot remember it immediately, we say it's on the tip of our tongue.

What do we say when we are trying to think of a word or a name that we know well, but we cannot remember it immediately?

When we are trying ...
we say it's on the tip of our tongue

make up your mind

When you're buying something like a new phone or watch, do you have trouble making up your mind which one to buy?

Yes, when I'm buying ..., I have ...
~ No, when I'm buying ..., I don't have ...

delicate

What would happen if you washed some delicate clothes in a washing machine at a high temperature?

If I ..., they
would get damaged or become smaller

observe

observation

Do people behave differently from how they normally do when they think they're not being observed by others?

Yes, people behave ... ~ No, people don't behave ...

Why do you think this is?

I think this is because ...

Does a detective need to have good powers of observation?

Yes, a detective needs ...

historic

Do you think it’s right for governments to spend public money on preserving historic buildings, or do you think public money should be spent in other ways?

I think ...

paw

claw

What’s a paw?

A paw is the foot of an animal which has claws, like that of a cat, a dog, a lion etc ...

wooden

hut

woollen

silken

golden

A wooden hut is a hut made of wood; a woollen hat is a hat made of wool; a silk dress is a dress made of silk, whereas silken hair is hair which is soft and smooth like silk; a gold watch is a watch made of gold, whereas golden is hair that looks like gold in colour.

What’s a wooden hut?

A wooden ... made of wood

What’s a woollen hat?

A woollen ... made of wool

What’s a silk dress?

A silk ... made of silk

What’s silken hair?

Silken ... like silk

What’s a gold watch?

A gold ... made of gold

What’s golden skin?

Golden ... looks like gold in colour

every other day

Do you have English lessons every day or every other day?

I have English ...

assist

assistant

pushchair

If you noticed somebody struggling to get a pushchair onto a bus, would you assist them?

Yes, if I noticed ...

I'd ... ~ No, if I noticed ..., I wouldn't ...

Would you say the shop assistants in this country were reasonably polite and helpful?

Yes, I'd say ...

~ No, I wouldn't say ...



Students read Lesson 129 on page 711

otherwise

engaged

If someone called you on your mobile and you were otherwise engaged with something important, would you take the call?

Yes, if someone ..., I'd ...

~ No, if someone ..., I wouldn't ...

If a car had one broken window but otherwise was in good condition, would you buy it?

Yes, if a car ...

I'd ... ~ No, if a car ..., I wouldn't ...

perform

performance

trick

magic

If you had to perform in a play, what kind of part would you like to perform?

If I had to perform ..., I'd like to ...

Can you perform any magic tricks?

Yes, I can ... ~ No, I can't ...

Name an actor who you think always gives good performances in films.

An actor who I think ... is ...

envy envious celebrity fame

What kind of people do you envy? I envy ...

Are you envious of the fame that celebrities have?

Yes, I'm envious of ...
~ No, I'm not envious of ...

advice (n) advise (v)

practice (n) practise (v)

licence (n) license (v)

What's the difference between "advice" and "advise"?

The difference ... "advice" is a noun, whereas "advise" is a verb

What's the difference in spelling between the noun "practice" and the verb "practise"?

The difference ... the noun is spelt "-ce", whereas the verb is spelt "-se"

And what's the difference between the noun "licence" and the verb "license"?

The difference ... the same; the noun is spelt "-ce", whereas the verb is spelt "-se"

record (n) /'rekɔ:d/ record (v) /rɪ'kɔ:d/

What's the difference between the words "record" (n) and "record" (v)?

The difference ... is that "record" is a noun, whereas "record" is a verb

Can you think of any sporting record that has been broken recently? Yes, I can think ... ~ No, I can't think ...

Which?

Have you ever recorded your own voice? Yes, I've recorded ... ~ No, I've never recorded ...

What did it sound like? It sounded ...

scatter plant row disorderly

Why do farmers sometimes plant seeds carefully in the ground in rows rather than just scatter them on the land?
Farmers sometimes ... to prevent birds from eating them, or the wind from blowing them away

Why does a disorderly crowd of people scatter when the police arrive?
A disorderly crowd of people scatters when the police arrive because the people are afraid of being arrested or hit by the police etc.

tap turn on

What am I doing? You're tapping your fingers on the table

In which direction does one normally turn a water tap on?
One normally turns a water tap on in an anticlockwise direction

pollution polluted

Is pollution a more serious problem now than it was a hundred years ago? Yes, pollution is ...

Are most of the rivers in this country heavily polluted?

Yes, most of the rivers ... ~ No, most of the rivers ...

Idiom 36

get (hold of) the wrong end of the stick = understand something wrongly

e.g. No, you've got (hold of) the wrong end of the stick. I meant next Wednesday, not this Wednesday!

What does the idiom "get (hold of) the wrong end of the stick" mean?

The idiom ... "understand something wrongly"

Give me an example, please.

Every time you explain anything to him, he always seems to get (hold of) the wrong end of the stick



Dictation 91

It doesn't matter/ if we occasionally make a mistake./ We were suddenly forced to stop/ by the appearance of men/ standing in front of us/ with bows and arrows./ Some of them/ had drawn back their bows/ ready to shoot at us./ The youth claimed/ that he had not stolen the goods/ but the shopkeeper would not believe him./ Last year, I paid a visit/ to the Holy Land,/ an important region/ for millions of religious believers/ around the world./ We stood on the shore/ and watched the sun go down over the lake.

LESSON 136

Was + infinitive with "to"

"Was" (or "were") followed by an infinitive with "to" expresses a future event in relation to a point in the past. For example, "I did not realize when we first started this job that it was to be so difficult".

Give me an example of "was" or "were" followed by an infinitive with "to".

We trusted him completely,
but we were to find out later
that he had been lying all the time

slight

What do we mean by a "slight headache"?

By a
"slight headache", we mean a
headache which is not very strong

What do we mean by a "slight delay"?

By a "slight delay",
we mean a delay which is very short

What, then, does the word "slight" mean?

The word
"slight" means small, and usually unimportant

upside down

right way up

What am I doing?

You're turning your book upside down

What am I doing?

You're turning your book the right way up

feather

Is it true that birds are the only animals in the world that have feathers?

Yes, it's true that ...

wear

sleeve

mend

worn out

exhausted

What'd happen if I kept rubbing my sleeve on the edge of the table, like this?

If you kept rubbing your sleeve,
you'd wear a hole in your sleeve

What do we do with clothes that are worn out?

We mend or throw away clothes that are worn out

If I told you I was feeling worn out, what would I mean?

If you ..., you'd mean you were exhausted

qualification

Which do you think's more important for finding a new job: experience or qualifications?

I think ...

debt

What does it mean: "to be in debt"?

"To be in debt"

means that we owe somebody something, usually money

If you don't manage your credit card account properly, is it easy to get into debt?

Yes, if you don't ..., it's ...

interrupt

interruption

What do we say when we interrupt someone who's speaking?

When we ..., we say "Excuse me"

What do they say on television when there's an interruption?

When there's an interruption on television,
they say "We apologize for the interruption"

if only ...!

When we want to be emphatic, we can say "if only ...!" instead of "I wish ...". For example, instead of saying "I wish I could take a holiday", we can say "If only I could take a holiday!" Instead of "I wish I had gone to bed earlier last night", we can say "If only I had gone to bed earlier last night!"

What can we say instead of "I wish" when we want to be emphatic?

We can say "if only ...!" instead of
"I wish ..." when we want to be emphatic

Give me an example, please.

I hate this job.
If only I hadn't accepted it!

act

capable

Do you believe all humans are capable of acts of great kindness?

Yes, I believe ... ~ No, I don't believe ...

What's the best way to judge a person: by what he says or how he acts?

The best way to ... is by ...

bar

lock

Which is heavier: a bar of gold or a bar of iron (if, of course, they are the same size)?

A bar of gold is ...

Would it be healthy to eat a whole bar of chocolate every day?
No, it wouldn't ...

Is it fairly common to find bars on the ground-floor windows of houses in this country?
Yes, it's fairly common ...
~ No, it isn't common ...

What do we mean if we say that the police have barred a road?
If we say ..., we mean they have put something across the road to prevent cars from going along it

Why do clubs and pubs sometimes bar particular people from entering?
Clubs and ... because they have behaved very badly on a previous occasion



Students read Lesson 130 on page 718

cart

What does the expression "to put the cart before the horse" mean?
The expression "to put the ..." means to do things in the wrong order

Give me an example, please.
Learning to read and write a language before learning to speak and understand it is like putting the cart before the horse, as a language should be listened to first, then spoken, then read, and then finally written

deceive

complain

complaint

If an art dealer sold you a painting and then you realized that you'd been deceived about the value of the painting, would you go back to the dealer and complain?
Yes, if an art dealer ..., I'd go ... ~ No, if an art dealer ..., I wouldn't go ...

Would you get complaints from your neighbours if you turned up your TV very loud?

Yes, I'd get ... ~ No, I wouldn't get ...

Have you ever made an official complaint?

Yes, I've ...

~ No, I've never ...

Who to? What about?

either side

Are there students sitting on either side of you?

Yes, there

are ... ~ No, there aren't ...

"What" and "which"

We generally use "which" when we are considering a limited number of alternatives, whereas we use "what" in a more unlimited sense. For example, we say "What's your phone number?" because there is an almost unlimited number of possibilities. However, if we have a piece of paper with some phone numbers written on it, we say "Which of these is your phone number?" because there is a limited number of possibilities.

What's the difference between the words "what" and "which"?

The difference ...

is that ... "which" ... limited number of alternatives, whereas ... "what" ... unlimited sense

Give me an example of each, please.

What's your address?

Which address should I send the letter to:
your home address or your work address?

faint

excitement

fear

What do people do when a faint smell of burning reaches their noses?

When a faint ... reaches people's noses,
they try to find out where it's coming from

Why do people faint?

People faint because of
excessive heat, excitement, fear, pain etc.

happen to

Give me an example of “happen to”, please.

I happen
to know several people who work for that company

When you happen to see someone you know on the street but
it’s someone that you don’t particularly want to speak to, what
do you do?

When I happen to see ... want to speak to, I ...

outwards

inwards

Does your front door open outwards or inwards?

My front door opens ...

lean

beneath

give way

What am I doing?

You’re leaning on the table

Why does the Leaning Tower of Pisa lean?

The Leaning
Tower of Pisa leans because the
ground beneath one side has given way

mankind

What do we mean by mankind?

By mankind,
we mean all the people in the world in general

mate

What’s an informal word we can use instead of “friend”?

An informal ... “mate”

zoo

cage

What would you do if you were looking at a tiger in a zoo and suddenly noticed that its cage was slightly open?

If I was ..., I'd ...

monkey

ape

closely

Which are more closely related to humans: apes or monkeys?

Apes are ...

Idiom 37

snap decision = a quick decision – fast, like the snap of one's fingers

e.g. There wasn't time to think carefully; I had to make a snap decision.

What does the idiom "snap decision" mean?

The idiom ...

"a quick ..."

Give me an example, please.

Although it was a snap decision, it was the right one



Do Revision Exercise 61

LESSON 137

"So" – and its many uses (continued)

it is not so so, you have come! it so happens

I told you so just (exactly)

Here are some more expressions in English that contain the word "so":

1) "He said the train had left, but it was not so."

Here, the word "so" means "true".

2) "So, you've got a new job, I hear!"

Here, the word "so" is used to start a conversation on a particular subject.

3) "It so happens I have just the thing you are looking for."

Here, the expression "it so happens" means "by chance".

4) "I told you so! We spent too long in the restaurant, and now we've missed the last bus home!"

Here, the expression "I told you so" means "This is exactly what I predicted".

Can you give me some further examples of the word "so"?

Some further ... are 1) He said the train had ... etc.

melt

What do we get when ice melts?

We get water when ice melts

have something to do with ...

Has my job got anything to do with art?

No, your job ...

If you interfered in a private matter that had nothing to do with you, what might somebody say to you? If I ..., ...
"Mind your own business!"

pick at **pick out**

Why do people sometimes pick at their food?
People sometimes ... because they aren't very hungry, or they don't like the food very much

Do you find it hard to pick out the right clothes to wear when you're going to a party? Yes, I find it ... ~ No, I don't find it ...

regard **regards** **greet**

greetings **bye-bye** **see you**

Do you think most people in this country regard pollution as a serious problem? Yes, I think most ... ~ No, I don't think most ...

When we want to send our greetings to somebody through a third person, what do we say? When we want ..., we say "Give my regards to ..."

What do we say when we greet someone in the street? When we greet ..., we say "Hello!", "Good evening!" etc.

And what do we say when we leave someone? When we leave someone, we say "Goodbye", "Bye-bye", "See you", "Cheers" etc.

scent **give off**

Which flower do you think gives off the nicest scent? I think the ... gives off the nicest scent

welcome

What does somebody mean when they open their front door and say "Welcome!" to a visitor?
When somebody ...,
they mean that they are happy
to invite the visitor into their home

When was the last time you went to an airport to welcome a friend or relative?
The last time I ... was ...

go right

temper

lose one's temper

thoughtful

go bad

When things don't go right, what do you do: lose your temper, or just become very quiet and thoughtful?
When things
don't go right, I ...

What do we do with food that has gone bad?
We throw
away food that has gone bad

What kind of things put you in a bad temper?
The kind of
... temper are ...

Would you say that, generally speaking, women were more sweet-tempered than men?
Yes, I'd say that ...
~ No, I wouldn't say that ...

by now

If you had left for Scotland ten hours ago, would you have arrived there by now?
Yes, if I'd left ..., I'd ...
~ No, if I'd left ..., I wouldn't ...

warn

ahead

triangle

What kind of sign do we see on the side of the road that warns us that there's danger ahead?

The kind of sign we ...
ahead is usually a red triangle with a
picture of the danger in the middle. If, for
example, there is a dangerous bend ahead, there will
be a line in the shape of a dangerous bend inside the triangle.



Students read Lesson 131 on page 724

mercy

In ancient history, did the conquerors of a country usually show mercy to the people of the country they had conquered?

No, in ancient history, the conquerors ...

desire

What's a similar word to "wish"?

A similar word to
"wish" is "desire"

Do you have any great desire to travel around the world at some point in your life?

Yes, I have a great ...
~ No, I don't have any great ...

ignore

If you developed an ache in your lower back that would not go away, would you ignore it or go to the doctor?

If I developed ..., I'd ...

upright

lung

organ

Why is it healthier to sit and walk upright rather than with one's head and shoulders bent forward?

The reason it's healthier ... is that the lungs and other organs of the body are not pressed against each other, and, with an upright back, the blood moves more freely in the body and the person feels less tired

seldom

What's another word for "rarely"?

Another word ...

What's the difference between "seldom" and "rarely"?

The difference between "seldom" and "rarely" is that "seldom" is a more formal word than "rarely"

Does it often rain in the south of Spain?

No, it doesn't ...;
it seldom rains ...

work out

Work out this problem, please: what gets wetter while it's drying?

The answer is "a towel"

What are you doing?

I'm working out a problem

confusion

electrical

Do you agree that the instruction booklets that come with electrical products sometimes contain so much detail that they simply cause confusion?

Yes, I agree that ...
~ No, I don't agree that ...

advance

step by step

progress

in advance

in arrears

Why is it better to advance step by step when learning a foreign language rather than try to progress too quickly?

The reason it's better to advance ...
too quickly is that it's impossible to
absorb high-level language unless you can use
language from lower levels easily and without thinking

Do advances in science mean that more people are living longer these days than ever before?

Yes, advances in ...

When people work, are they normally paid in advance or in arrears?

When people work, ... in arrears

cuff

preparation

Idiom 38

off the cuff = without preparation

e.g. In answer to my question about prices, he was only able to give me a rough idea off the cuff, but said he would email me a full and proper answer the following day.

What does the idiom "off the cuff" mean?

The idiom ...
"without preparation"

Give me an example, please.

He gave his wedding
speech off the cuff because he
hadn't had any time to prepare properly

Have you ever had to make a speech off the cuff?

Yes, I've had to ...

~ No, I've never had to ...

valley

injustice



Dictation 92

The chickens/ have not laid a single egg/ for an entire week./ The soldiers behaved with great courage/ and fought well,/ but still they lost the battle./ He had the choice/ of either entering the government/ and becoming some kind of official/ or of entering the church/ and becoming a priest./ The village looked very pretty/ lying in the valley/ in the morning sunshine./ It is not uncommon/ in big cities/ to find people on the street/ preaching against social injustices./ Some people find travelling/ a stressful experience.

LESSON 138

bite – bit – bitten

What am I doing?

You're biting your finger

What are the three forms of "bite"?

The three forms of "bite" are
"bite, bit, bitten"

bare

weapon

barely

Are my hands covered?

No, your hands ...; they're bare

Is it possible to kill a man with one's bare hands; that is,
without using a weapon of any kind?

Yes, it's possible to ...

When you go on holiday, do you take a lot of clothes with you,
or just the bare minimum?

When I go ..., I ...

What do we mean when we say "We barely had time to eat"?

When we say "We barely ...",
we mean we only just had time to eat

go back

come back

go in

come in

return

enter

descend

overcome

go down

come down

Sometimes it can be difficult to know when to use the verb "go back" and when to use "come back", or when to use "go in" and when to use "come in". Some students have a similar confusion with the words "bring" and "take". The problem exists because, with these verbs, the correct choice depends mainly on where the speaker is at the time.

For example, if, at the time of speaking, I was at the school, I would say "After the lesson tomorrow, I'll go back home", whereas if I were at home, I would say "After the lesson tomorrow, I'll come back home".

If you really cannot decide which verb to use, one way to overcome the problem is to use the verb "return" instead of "go back" or "come back", and the verb "enter" instead of "go in" or "come in". However, "return" and "enter" are quite formal words in English, so only do this if you feel you have to.

What's the difficulty with the words "go back" and "come back", and "go in" and "come in"? The difficulty with ...
is that the correct choice
of verb depends mainly on ...

What's one way to overcome the problem? One way ...
is by using "return" instead of "go back" or
"come back", and "enter" instead of "go in" or "come in"

The same difficulty exists with the verbs "go down" and "come down", so you can use "descend" instead. However, remember that using the word "descend" sounds quite formal in English.

What word can we use instead of "go down" or "come down"? We can use the word "descend" instead of ...

case	barrister
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What do we call the type of lawyer who fights cases in a law court? We call ... a barrister

The expression "in case", or "just in case", means "in preparation for the possibility that ...". For example, if we say "Here is my phone number in case you need to call me", we mean "in preparation for the possibility that you need to call me". If you need to call, you will already be prepared because you will have my number.

What does the expression "in case" mean?

The expression

"in case" means "in preparation for the possibility that ..."

Give me an example, please.

I left home early in

case there were any transport problems

Do you carry an umbrella in case it rains, or are you the kind of person who prefers to run the risk of it raining?

I carry ... ~ No, I don't carry ...; I'm the kind of ...

The expression "just in case" can be used at the end of a sentence if it is obvious what we mean. For example, "Here's my mobile number, just in case" obviously means "Here's my mobile number in case you need to call me".

Give me an example of "just in case" used at the end of a sentence, please.

I was sure there was enough

petrol in the car but I put in some more, just in case

Do not confuse the expression "in case" with the expression "in case of". We use "in case of" with the meaning of "if and when something happens". For example, "In case of fire, leave the building immediately" means "If and when there is a fire, leave the building immediately".

Give me an example of the expression "in case of", please.

In case of any problems, please contact me immediately

What's the difference between "excuse" (v) and "excuse" (n)?

The difference ... is that "excuse" is the verb, whilst "excuse" is the noun



waist

waistcoat

What part of the body is this?

That part of the body is the waist

What does a three-piece suit consist of?

A three-piece suit consists of trousers, a jacket and a waistcoat

fancy

What does somebody mean if they say that they don't like fancy food?

If somebody says that they don't like fancy food, they mean that they don't like complicated food; they prefer simple food

What do you fancy for your dinner this evening; that is, what'd you like to have?

I fancy ... for my dinner this evening

Tell me the name of somebody famous who you fancy.

I fancy ...

pint

gallon

litre

0.5683 litres = 1 pint

8 pints = 1 gallon

How many litres make a pint?

0.5683 litres make a pint

How many pints make a gallon?

8 pints make a gallon

jealous

jealousy

go out with

If somebody you fancied started going out with a friend of yours, would you feel jealous, or would you just be happy for your friend?

If somebody ..., I'd ...

What's the noun of the adjective "jealous"?

The noun ...
is "jealousy"

fortune

fortunate

international

Do top international sportsmen earn a fortune?

Yes, top international sportsmen earn ...

What's another meaning of the word "fortune"?

Another meaning ... is "luck"

If you were fortunate enough to win £5 million in the lottery, how much of it would you give to the other members of your family?

If I were ..., I'd give ...

mine

miner

What do we call a man who works in a mine?

We call a
man who works in a mine a miner

tend

Do you tend to eat too much when you go on holiday?

Yes, I tend ... ~ No, I don't tend ...

content (n) /'kɒntent/

content (v or adj) /kən'tent/

What's the difference between the words "content" (n) and "content" (v or adj)?

The difference ... "content" is a noun, whereas content" is a verb or adjective

Is it normal for passengers to have the contents of their bags checked at airports?

Yes, it's normal for ...

Are you content with your life at the moment?

Yes, I'm ...

~ No, I'm not ...

witness

Have you ever witnessed an accident or a crime?

Yes, I've

witnessed ... ~ No, I've never witnessed ...

Idiom 39

in a nutshell = briefly; in a few words

e.g. I won't give you a long, detailed explanation but, in a nutshell, I couldn't do the job.

What does the idiom "in a nutshell" mean?

The idiom ...

"briefly ..."

Give me an example, please.

To put it in a nutshell,
the answer is "no"



Dictation 93

As a rule,/ I do not waste a lot of time/ worrying about unimportant details./ Last night,/ there was a terrible storm/ and the surface of the sea/ looked like/ a mass of hills and valleys./ There has been a wonderful improvement/ in his health/ and he is now beginning/ to enjoy life again./ Wisdom usually comes with experience./ Although he objected,/ he was still defeated./ I do not mind you smoking/ while I am eating./ We switched on the light/ and found that all the Christmas gifts/ had been stolen from under the tree.



Do Revision Exercise 62

LESSON 139

rid

get rid of

What's the best way to rid ourselves of someone who's causing us trouble?

The best way to ... is ...

What'd I expect you to do if I told you to get rid of that pen?

If you told me ..., you'd expect me to throw it away

above all

Give me a sentence with the words "above all" in it, please.

Don't forget we need plenty of paper, pencils and rulers for the exam, but above all, we need pens

sharp

blunt

sharpen

grind – ground – ground

flour

wheat

What do we mean by a sharp knife?

By a sharp knife, we mean one which has an edge that cuts well

What's the opposite of "sharp"?

The opposite ... "blunt"

How do we sharpen a blunt axe?

We sharpen ... by grinding it on a stone

What is flour?

Flour is wheat or corn that has been ground into a powder

harm

harmful

harmless

creature

Do you think you should be allowed to do whatever you want if it doesn't harm anybody else?

Yes, I think ...

Which do you think's the most harmful creature on earth?

I think ... is the most ...

And which do you think's the most harmless?

I think ...
is the most ...

If you ate some vegetables straight from the garden without washing them first, do you think it would do you any harm?

Yes, if I ate ..., I think ...

~ No, if I ate ..., I don't think ...

Questions without the question form

Who helped you?

When asking a question in English, we do not always use the question form. However, this is only when a question word, such as "who", "what" or "which", is the subject in the sentence. For example, the sentence "Who did you help?" uses the question form because the subject is the word "you". However, the question "Who helped you?" doesn't use the question form because the subject is the word "who".

Do we always use the question form when asking a question in English?

No, we don't always ...

When don't we use the question form?

We don't ...
when a question word, such as "who",
"what" or "which", is the subject of the verb

Give me some examples, please.

“Who is going to pay the gas bill?”; “What is making that horrible noise?”; “Which pen writes best?”

iron

What do we use to iron our clothes?

We use an iron to iron our clothes

Do you iron your clothes yourself or does someone else iron them for you?

I iron ... ~ Someone else irons ...

extreme

Name a region of the world that experiences extreme weather conditions.

... is a region ...

reduce

What do you think's the best way to reduce one's weight?

I think the best ...

likely

unlikely

Are you likely to be here next week?

Yes, I'm likely to ...
~ No, I'm not likely to ...

Do you think it's likely to rain in the next 24 hours?

Yes, I think it's ... ~ No, I don't think it's ...

Do you think it's highly unlikely that you will go through the entire winter next year without catching a single cold?

Yes, I think it's highly ...
~ No, I don't think it's highly ...

do someone a favour

That's all right

Not at all

It's nothing

You're welcome

Don't mention it

No problem

When we give something to someone or do someone a favour, and they say "Thank you", there are many ways in which we can reply. Some common expressions we can use are "That's all right", "That's OK", "Not at all", "It's nothing", "You're welcome", "Don't mention it", or "No problem".

When we give something to someone, or do someone a favour, and they say "Thank you", what can we reply?

When we ..., we can reply
"That's all right", "That's OK", "Not at all", "It's nothing",
"You're welcome", "Don't mention it", or "No problem"



Students read Lesson 133 on page 735

up

tear – tore – torn

When we add the word "up" to a verb, it sometimes gives it the meaning of doing the action more completely. For example, the sentence "I broke the piece of wood" could mean that I broke it only once, but "I broke up the piece of wood" means that I broke it into many smaller pieces.

When we add the word "up" to a verb, what meaning does it sometimes give the verb?

When we add ...,
it sometimes gives the verb the
meaning of doing the action more completely

Give me an example, please. "I'm cutting a loaf of bread into two halves" means that I'm cutting the loaf once, whereas "I'm cutting the loaf of bread up" means I'm cutting it many times

What am I doing? You're tearing a piece of paper

What am I doing? You're tearing a piece of paper up

When all the food is used up at home, what do you have to do? When all ..., I have to do the shopping

cheek **cheeky**

What's this? It's your cheek

When you were a child, were you always polite with adults or were you sometimes a bit cheeky with them? When I was a child, I ...

pile **one on top of the other** **heap**

What am I doing? You're piling your books one on top of the other

What's a heap? A heap is an untidy pile

When you go to bed at night, do you ever just leave your clothes in a heap on the floor instead of putting them away? Yes, when I ..., I sometimes ...
~ No, when I ..., I never ...

point

freeze – froze – frozen

nought

zero

Fahrenheit

What do we use to sharpen the point of a pencil?

We use a pencil sharpener or knife to sharpen ...

What's the boiling point of water?

The boiling ...

100 degrees centigrade or 212 degrees Fahrenheit

And at what temperature does water freeze?

Water

freezes at nought (or zero) degrees
centigrade, or 32 degrees Fahrenheit

Does the freezing point of water rise or fall if salt is added to it?

The freezing ... falls if ...

insect

itch

scratch

scrape

When you have an insect bite that's itching a lot, do you scratch it or try to leave it alone?

When I have ..., I ...

What am I doing?

You're scratching your cheek with your finger

Do we usually have to scrape off the old paint from a wooden door before painting it again?

Yes, we usually have to scrape off ...

When young children are running around, do they often fall over and scrape their knees?

Yes, when young ...

Idiom 40

it never rains but it pours = when one bad thing happens, a lot of other bad things also happen

e.g. Our car had broken down, there were no trains or buses until the next morning, and there was only one hotel, which was full. Well, you know what they say: it never rains but it pours.

What does the idiom “it never rains but it pours” mean?

The idiom ... “when one bad thing ...”

Give me an example, please.

One thing went wrong after another. It's always the same: it never rains but it pours.

opposition



Dictation 94

Some people find it sad/ that the steam engine/ isn't used any longer/ on the railways./ Although he strongly opposed the bill,/ he knew it would be passed/ all the same/ and so, after replying to the opposition,/ he returned sadly to his seat./ The guards were given orders/ to shoot the enemy on sight./ I am an early bird,/ which means that I feel very bright/ in the morning/ and tired in the evening./ Find out if he is fit/ to do the job first.

LESSON 140

"The" + comparative ..., "the" + comparative ...

the sooner ..., the better

This structure is used to communicate that there is a relationship between two things. For example, "The colder it is, the more clothes I wear" means that I wear light clothes when it's hot, more clothes when it's cool, and a lot of clothes when it's cold.

Would you say that the more we learn, the happier we become?

Yes, I'd say that ... ~ No, I wouldn't say that ...

Give me a sentence with the words "the sooner ..., the better".

The sooner we get the job finished, the better

responsible

council

At about what age do you feel that a person should be considered by law to be responsible for their own actions?

I feel that ...

What's a local town council responsible for?

A local town council is responsible for keeping the streets clean, looking after public buildings and land etc.

scream

fright

frighten

horror

Do some people scream with fright during horror films?

Yes, some people ...

Have you ever been frightened by strange noises during the night?

Yes, I've been ... ~ No, I've never been ...

mean

Do you know anybody who's so mean that they never even buy presents for their family?

Yes, I know somebody ...

~ No, I don't know anybody ...

Are young children sometimes very mean to one another at school?

Yes, young children ...

thoughtless

What do we mean by a thoughtless person?

By a

thoughtless person, we usually mean someone who acts without considering how other people might feel

pale

sickness

What can make a person's face turn pale?

Fright, fear,

sickness etc. can make a person's face turn pale

-ish

When we add the suffix "-ish" to an adjective, it means "rather" or "more or less". For example, "France is not exactly a big country, like Russia or the USA, but it's biggish compared with countries like England and Scotland".

What meaning does the suffix "-ish" give when we add it to an adjective?

The suffix "-ish" gives the meaning of "rather" or "more or less" when we add it to an adjective

Give me an example, please. The door is not exactly green,
but it's greenish

We can also use the suffix "-ish" to mean "about" when we say a time of day. For example, if someone says that they will come to your house at "eightish", they mean "about eight".

Give me an example of the suffix "-ish" used to speak about a time of day, please. He woke up at sixish and went for a run

light – lit – lit candle failure

What are the three forms of "light"? The three forms of "light" are "light, lit, lit"

Do you keep any candles at home in case there's a failure in the electricity supply? Yes, I keep some ... ~ No, I don't keep any ...

What kind of things do you think make a party a failure? I think the kind of things that ... are ...

upset feel upset terribly

What would I mean if I said "My plans for the future have all been upset by the interference of my father"? If you said ...,
you'd mean that he had not agreed with your plans, and had made you change them

If you upset a glass of red wine over someone, what'd you say and do? If I upset a ..., I'd say "I'm terribly sorry"
and would offer to pay for the clothes to be cleaned

If I said that I was feeling very upset today, what would I mean? If you said that you were feeling very upset today, you'd mean that you were not happy because something unpleasant had happened

wreck

misfortune

shipwreck

How would you feel, and what would you do, if all your plans for the future were wrecked through some accident or some piece of misfortune?

If all my plans for the future were wrecked ..., I'd feel ... and I'd ...

Describe what happens in a shipwreck.

In a shipwreck, a ship sinks as a result of being attacked, hitting rocks, or being damaged in severe weather



Students read Lesson 134 on page 741

sale

for sale

sales

advertisement

Do you think the sale of weapons by one country to another is wrong?

Yes, I think ... ~ No, I don't think ...

What can the owner of a shop do in order to increase sales?

In order to ..., the owner ... reduce prices, advertise in the press or online etc.

If you had a car for sale, where would you place an advertisement?

If I had ..., I'd place ...

Are there any particular times of year in this country when all the shops have sales?

Yes, there are ... ~ No, there aren't ...

When?

commercial

rival

Do you get annoyed by commercial breaks on TV?

Yes, I get ... ~ No, I don't get ...

Name me two companies that are big commercial rivals,
please. ... and ... are big commercial rivals

"Some" in questions

We sometimes use the words "some", "somebody" and "something" in questions instead of the usual "any", "anybody" and "anything". We generally do this when we expect a positive answer, and especially when we offer something to somebody. For example, "Would you like some more tea?"; "Is there somebody here you're looking for?"; "Would you like me to buy you something nice for Christmas?" etc.

When do we use "some", "somebody" and "something" in questions instead of the usual "any", "anybody" and "anything"?

We use "some" ... when we expect a positive answer, and especially when we offer something to somebody

Give me an example of each, please.

"Would you like some wine with your meal?";
"Did somebody just ring the doorbell?";
"Would you like something nice for dinner?"

over

What do I mean if I say that my brother is over two metres tall?
If you ..., you mean that he is more than two metres tall

basement

Does the building where you live have a basement?

Yes, the building ... ~ No, the building ...

bargain

Is it possible to find some really good bargains in the sales?

Yes, it's possible to ...

When you go to a market, do you bargain over the prices?

Yes, when I ... ~ No, when I ...

caution

cautiously

In what kind of situations do people have to act very cautiously?

People have to ... in dangerous situations

How many times do the police caution you about bad driving before they take away your licence?

The police caution you ... about bad driving before ...

Idiom 41

hard up = with very little money

e.g. I can't let you have any money this week; I'm really hard up.

What does the idiom "hard up" mean?

The idiom ...
"with very ..."

Give me an example, please.

We were so hard up
that we couldn't even afford a newspaper

rapid



Dictation 95

We spent the whole afternoon/ gathering up the apples/ that had fallen on the ground./ A railway line/ does not have to be level,/ but it should not climb too rapidly,/ otherwise a train cannot run on it./ When we weighed the cake,/ my father was very surprised./ He had not realized/ it would weigh so much./ The theatre seats were well made,/ so the audience/ were able to relax/ and watch the play in comfort./ For one brief moment,/ I was certain he would succeed.



Do Revision Exercise 63

LESSON 141

Double contractions

Although it is not common, we sometimes use double contractions in spoken English. For example, instead of saying "I will have gone by tomorrow", we can say "I'll've gone by tomorrow". Also, instead of saying "I would have done it", we can say "I'd've done it".

Give me an example of a double contraction, please.

She'll've gone home before you arrive.

She'd've come later if she'd known.

deliver

mail

beforehand

At what time do they deliver the mail at your house?

They deliver ... at about ...

If you had to deliver a speech, would you carefully prepare notes beforehand or would you give it off the cuff?

If I had to deliver a speech, I'd ...

critic

If you could choose between working as a restaurant critic or a theatre critic, which would you prefer?

If I could choose
between working ..., I'd prefer ...

expect

rely on

Are you expecting a letter from anyone in the next few days?

Yes, I'm expecting ... ~ No, I'm not expecting ...

Do you think young children can be expected to do homework without being forced to do so, either by their teachers or by their parents?

Yes, I think ...

~ No, I don't think ...

I expect by now that you understand everything I say with ease; is that right?

Yes, that's right; I understand ...

~ No, that isn't right; I don't understand ...

Can you always be relied on to do things that you have promised to do?

Yes, I can always be relied on to ...

~ No, I can't always be relied on to ...

fast

fasten

What do we mean when we say that someone's fast asleep?

When we ..., we mean that they're completely asleep, and would be difficult to wake up

Do aeroplane passengers have to fasten their seat belts before the plane takes off or lands?

Yes, aeroplane passengers have to ...

porter

If you arrived at a railway station with a heavy suitcase, would you ask a porter to help you with it or would you struggle with it yourself?

If I arrived ..., I'd ...

Compound adjectives (continued)

a fifty-minute lesson

a four-door car

jog

Another common type of compound adjective in English is when, instead of saying "The lesson lasted for fifty minutes", we say "It was a fifty-minute lesson", or instead of saying "This car has four doors", we say "This is a four-door car". In these examples, "fifty-minute" and "four-door" are compound adjectives.

What can we say instead of "He had a holiday that lasted two weeks"?

Instead of ..., we can say "He had a two-week holiday"

What can we say instead of "Let's jog for ten kilometres"?

Instead of ..., we can say "Let's go for a ten-kilometre jog"

With these adjectives, notice that the word after the number is singular, not plural. For example, we say "a twenty-page document", not "a twenty-pages document". This is because the word "page" is being used as an adjective in this phrase, and adjectives in English do not have plural forms.

In the phrase "a ten-kilometre jog", why is the word "kilometre" singular and not plural?

In the phrase ..., the word "kilometre" ... because it is being used as an adjective, and adjectives in English do not have plural forms

Give me some other examples of this type of compound adjective, please.

An eleven-man team,
a two-litre bottle, a six-bedroom house

overnight

lifestyle

Do people who become rich or famous overnight often have problems managing their new lifestyle?

Yes, people who ...



Students read Lesson 135 on page 747

mere

Is there any job you could think of that you would like to do, not for the money, but for the mere honour that goes with the job?

Yes, there's a job I can think of that I'd like ...

~ No, there isn't any job I can think of that I'd like ...

Which job?

nuisance

What do you think's the best thing to do with children who are making a nuisance of themselves?

I think the best ... is to ...

post

doorpost

goal

dig – dug – dug

postage

What are these?

These are doorposts

What do we have to do when we want to put posts in the ground to make the goals for a game of football or rugby?

When we want to put ..., we must dig fairly deep holes in the ground

What are the three forms of "dig"?

The three forms of "dig" are "dig, dug, dug"

What would you say was your main goal in life at the moment?

I'd say my ... was to ...

Do big companies often advertise new posts in national newspapers?

Yes, big companies ...

How much is the postage for a letter from your country to England?

The postage for ... is ...

naughty

punish

When you were naughty as a child, how did your parents use to punish you?

When I was ..., my parents...

fold

What am I doing?

You're folding a page of your book

native

What's your native language?

My native language is ...

treasure

Is there still any lost treasure in the world?

Yes, there's still ..., especially at the bottom of the sea where ships sank in the old days

receipt

prove

What problem might you have if you took a faulty product back to a shop but didn't have the receipt to prove where you bought it anymore?

If I took ..., the shop might not agree to change the product or give me a refund

Idiom 42

put one's foot down = to be determined and insist on something

e.g. My daughter kept asking me if she could go to the party but I had to put my foot down and say no.

What does the idiom “to put one's foot down” mean?

The idiom ... “to be determined and ...”

Give me an example, please.

If I hadn't put my foot down and got angry with them, they would have done nothing and the work would never have got finished

LESSON 142

Two meanings of "quite"

In front of some extreme adjectives, such as "wonderful" or "terrible", the word "quite" means "completely". In this situation, we say the word "quite" with a heavy stress, because we are being emphatic. For example, we can say "The weather is quite wonderful!". In this sentence, the words "quite wonderful" mean "completely wonderful".

Give me an example of the word "quite" with the meaning of "completely", please.

This wine is quite excellent! I'm sorry, but what you're asking me to do is quite impossible!

excuse me

I'm sorry

We generally use "Excuse me" for something that is not very important and "I'm sorry" for a more important apology.

What's the difference between "Excuse me" and "I'm sorry"?

The difference ... is that we generally use "Excuse me" for something that is not very important, and "I'm sorry" for a more important apology

What do you say when you want to pass between two people who are speaking to each other?

When I want to ...,
I say "Excuse me"

And what do you say if, in passing, you accidentally step on the foot of one of the two people who are speaking?

If, in passing, I accidentally step ..., I say "I'm sorry!"

wealthy

Which is the wealthiest region of this country?

... is the wealthiest ...

disaster

flood

How can a long period of heavy rain result in a disaster?

A long period ... because it can lead to floods that cause death, terrible damage to farms and buildings etc.

then

The word "then" has three meanings:

- 1) At that time – e.g. I'm going to see him on Thursday, so I can give him the news then.
- 2) Next – e.g. We'll have dinner first, and then watch TV.
- 3) In that case – e.g. If you don't understand, then ask.

What are the three meanings of the word "then"?

The three ... are "at that time", "next" and "in that case"

Give me an example of each, please.

- 1) I began studying English last year.
Before then (i.e. before that time) I did not know a single word.
- 2) I'll study first, then go to the cinema.
- 3) The door might be locked; what will you do then?

urge

What's the best way to urge someone to do something they do not want to do?

The best way to urge someone to ... is to tell them how much better everything will be after they have done it

affair

love affair

Is it wise to speak about one’s private affairs in public?

No, it isn’t wise to ...

Are love affairs always happy?

No, love affairs aren’t ...

Strong and weak pronunciation forms

In the following section, students should only repeat the contents of the columns labelled “strong form” and “weak form”.

	strong form	weak form
can	/kæn/	/kən/
than	/ðæn/	/ðən/
but	/bʌt/	/bət/
some	/sʌm/	/səm/
your	/jɔ:/	/jə/
to	/tu:/	/tə/
are	/ɑ:/	/ə/
was	/wɒz/	/wəz/

In English, many common words have a “strong” pronunciation form and a “weak” pronunciation form. For example, the strong form of the word “can” is /kæn/, whereas the weak form is /kən/. With the weak form, the vowel in the word is usually the sound /ə/, which is the most common sound in the English language.

We use the weak pronunciation form of a word when we say the word normally in a sentence without any special stress. For example, we say “I /kən/ speak three languages”.

We use the strong pronunciation form when we say the word on its own, or when we put stress on the word for some reason. For example, if someone says "You can't speak three languages", we might reply emphatically and say "Yes, I /kæn/!"

When do we use the weak pronunciation form of a word in English?

We use ... when we say the word normally in a sentence without any special stress

Give me some examples, please.

I'm taller /ðən/ you.
I'm going /tə/ the shops now.
I didn't know she /wəz/ here.

When do we use the strong pronunciation form of a word?

We use ... when we say the word on its own, or when we put stress on the word for some reason

Give me some examples, please.

/sʌm/ adults
are married, and /sʌm/ are single
The letters "y – o – u – r" spell the word /jɔ:/



Students read Lesson 136 on page 754

charm	charming	musical	snake
snake charmer	instrument		

Who's the most charming person you know? The most charming person I know is ...

What's a snake charmer? A snake charmer is a person who charms a snake by playing a musical instrument

Do you believe that there are people in the world who can put a magic charm on other people? Yes, I believe that ...
~ No, I don't believe that ...

latest

last

last but one

One important difference between "latest" and "last" is that, if I say "John Brown's latest book is excellent", it means John Brown's newest book. However, if I say "John Brown's last book was excellent", it probably means the book he wrote before his new one, or it means his final book ever, because he has now retired or died.

What's the difference between "latest" and "last"?

The difference ... is that if I say "John Brown's latest ...", it means ... newest book, whereas if I say "John Brown's last...", it probably means ... before his new one, or ... final book ever, because ...

Which's the last letter but one in the English alphabet?

Y's the last letter but one ...

blackboard

whiteboard

chalk

What do we write on a blackboard with?

We write on a blackboard with a piece of chalk

What do we write on a whiteboard with?

We write on a whiteboard with a special pen

eyebrow

eyelash

eyelid

lid

pan

What's this?

It's an eyebrow

What are these?

Those are eyelashes

What's this?

It's an eyelid

Does water in a pan boil more quickly with the lid on or with the lid off?

Water in a pan ... with the lid on

Why?

Because, with the lid on, the steam and the heat are kept in

favour

yacht

hinder

Is it wrong for parents to favour one child over another?

Yes, it's wrong for ...

Does bad weather favour a yacht in a race at sea?

No, bad weather doesn't ...; it hinders it

What do you do when you don't approve of somebody's behaviour?

When I don't ...,
I tell the person, do nothing etc.

clothe

Can a woman clothe herself more cheaply than a man?

Yes, a woman can ... ~ No, a woman can't ...

endless

Make a sentence containing the word "endless", please.

There was an endless stream of traffic on the road

bunch

grape

Which'd you rather be given: a bunch of flowers or a bunch of grapes?

I'd rather be given a bunch of ...

Idiom 43

give somebody the cold shoulder = make somebody feel unwelcome, usually by ignoring them

e.g. I didn't know what I had done wrong, but everyone seemed to give me the cold shoulder.

What does the idiom "give somebody the cold shoulder" mean?

The idiom ... "make somebody feel ..."

Give me an example, please.

Instead of a friendly welcome, we were given the cold shoulder

revolution



Dictation 96

Lacking central heating,/ we managed to keep the room/ sufficiently warm with an oil heater/ which our next-door neighbour/ had lent us./ The military leaders behaved so wickedly/ that the people marched against them,/ and a bloody revolution soon broke out./ The Greeks in the old days/ believed in many gods,/ whereas many modern religions/ only have one god./ The accident was not really the soldier's fault;/ he simply did/ what the captain commanded him to do./ It was quite plain/ that he was a policeman,/ even though he was not in uniform.



Do Revision Exercise 64

LESSON 143

Uses of the passive voice

Although the passive voice is less common than the active voice, it is very useful in certain situations. Four common situations in which we often use the passive voice are:

- 1) when we don't know who does the action: for example, "My car has been stolen!";
- 2) when we don't want to say who does the action: for example, "You were seen entering the office without permission";
- 3) when it is not important who does the action: for example, "The Eiffel Tower was built in 1889";
- 4) when it is obvious who does the action: for example, "He was arrested for stealing".

Tell me four common situations in which we often use the passive voice, please.

Four common situations ... are

- 1) when we don't know ...;
- 2) when we don't want to say ...;
- 3) when it is not important ...;
- 4) when it is obvious ...

Give me an example of each, please.

- 1) All the wine has been drunk.
- 2) A complaint has been made against you.
- 3) The doors were designed to close by themselves.
- 4) I was given some extra homework.

resist

resistance

Is there anything that you cannot resist eating even though you know it's not very good for the health?

Yes, there's something ... ~ No, there isn't anything ...

Would you show any resistance if a policeman tried to arrest you for a crime that you did not commit? Yes, I'd show some ... ~ No, I wouldn't show any ...

substantial bacon toast

fry – fried – fried

Do you prefer to eat a substantial breakfast like bacon and eggs in the morning, or do you prefer something light such as cereal and toast? I prefer to eat ...

Is it good for the health to eat fried food every day? No, it isn't ...

approximate

What's the approximate population of the world? The approximate population ... is ...

course starter main course dessert

If you're in a restaurant but you only want a two-course meal, which do you normally have: a starter and main course, or a main course and dessert? If I'm in ..., I normally have ...

dine

What's the name of the room in which one dines? The name of the room ... is the dining room

marmalade

jam

pear

plum

The difference between marmalade and jam is that marmalade is generally made from oranges, whereas jam is made from other fruits, such as pears, apples, plums etc.

What's the difference between marmalade and jam?

The difference ... is that marmalade ...
oranges, whereas jam ... other fruits ...

the country

rejoice

victory

When we say "the country", we often mean "the countryside". However, another meaning of "the country" is "the people of a nation". For example, we can say "The country rejoiced at the news of the victory", or "The country voted to change the government".

What's another meaning of "the country" besides "the countryside"?

Another meaning ...
is "the people of a nation"

Give me an example, please.

Most of the country
was in favour of his election

shave

razor

heal

What do we shave with?

We shave with a razor

About how long does it take for a shaving cut to heal?

It takes about ... for a shaving cut to heal



Students read Lesson 137 on page 761

live (v) /liv/

live (adj) /laɪv/

musician

What's the difference between live (v) and live (adj)?

The difference ... is that "live" is a verb, whereas ...

Do you think it's all right to perform experiments on live animals?

Yes, I think it's all right to ...

~ No, I don't think it's all right to ...

Have you ever been to see a famous musician or band live and felt really let down by the performance?

Yes, I've been

to see ... ~ No, I've never been to see ...

mild

remark

look

stormy

What kind of remark would someone have to make to bring a mild look of surprise to your face?

The kind of remark

someone would ... would be that

they have the same surname as me, or that

they used to live in the same town as me etc.

What do we mean by mild weather?

By mild weather,

we mean weather that

is not stormy, or very hot, or very cold.

In other words, we mean weather that is not extreme.

Why is soap designed for washing the face milder than soap designed for washing the rest of the body?

Soap designed

for washing the face is ... because the skin on the face

is very sensitive and can easily become irritated and itchy

proof

In your country, do you have to carry documents as proof of your identity?

Yes, in my country, we have to ...

~ No, in my country, we don't have to ...

saying

What does this saying mean: “Home is where the heart is”?

The saying “Home is ...”
means that your real home is not always
the house or flat where you live; it is the place where
you feel most comfortable or where you feel that you belong

trap

What can we put in a trap to catch a mouse?

We can put
many different types of food, such as
chocolate or cheese, in a trap to catch a mouse

pot

cooking pot

flowerpot

coffee pot

teapot

Name me some different kinds of pots, please.

Some different kinds of pots are cooking
pots, flowerpots, coffee pots, teapots etc.

in relation to

relationship

relative

overweight

Do you think most people in your country are **overweight** or
underweight in relation to their height?

I think most
people ... in relation to their height

Does your country have a good **relationship** with **most** of its
neighbouring countries?

Yes, my country has ...
~ No, my country doesn't have ...

What do we mean when we say that everything is relative?

When we say that everything is relative, we mean that what we think of something often depends on what we are comparing it to

Give me an example, please.

A man is only considered tall if the people around him are shorter than he is. If he were surrounded by people who were taller than him, he would be considered short. It's all relative.

at sea

by sea

How long are you at sea for when you travel by sea from Europe to America?

How long you are at sea for when you travel by ... depends on the ship, but I reckon about ...

Idiom 44

touch wood = what people say when they touch something that is made of wood in the hope of preventing bad luck

e.g. We've been very lucky and everything's gone very well so far; touch wood.

What do people do and say when they hope to prevent bad luck?

When people ..., they touch something that is made of wood and say "Touch wood!"

Give me an example, please.

I've been driving now for ten years without an accident; touch wood!



She picked up her wedding ring/ from the floor/ and put it back on her finger./
A bird has a pair of wings/ and a tail./ The value of goods/ depends a great deal/
on how much they are in demand./ The ball rolled straight towards me./ Unless
the sea is extremely rough,/ I never feel seasick./ Please stop rocking the chair/
backwards and forwards./ Most people like to live a quiet life,/ but often find their
lives/ are interfered with/ by those who like to stir up trouble./ A chicken is not a
very brave bird.

LESSON 144

"By" and its many uses

go past

nearby

There are many expressions in English that contain the word "by". Here are some examples:

- 1) "The traffic passed by my house" means that the traffic went past my house.
- 2) "Mr Williams lives by himself" means that nobody lives with him, whereas "Mr Williams did the job by himself" means that he did it without any help.
- 3) "He worked by night and slept by day" means that he worked during the night and slept during the day.
- 4) "This play was written by Shakespeare" means that Shakespeare was the writer of this play.
- 5) "He worked in the town and lived in a nearby village" means that he lived in a village that was near the town. Notice that we cannot say "a near town"; we must say "a nearby town".

Now, I will say a sentence and I want you to make a similar sentence with the word "by":

I saw him going past my house yesterday.

I saw him
passing by my house yesterday

Henry sat alone in the room.

Henry sat in the room by himself

Henry did the translation without help.

Henry did the
translation by himself

Cats prefer to hunt during the night. Cats prefer to
hunt by night

My sister was the painter of this picture. This picture was
painted by my sister

Is it correct to say “The man lived in a near town”?
No, it isn’t correct to ...

What must we say instead? We must say
“The man lived in a nearby town” instead

in season **out of season**

Are apples in season or out of season at the moment?
Apples are ... season at the moment

thread **needle** **sew** **compass** **injection**

Pretend to thread a piece of cotton through the eye of a needle.

What am I pretending to do? You’re pretending to thread
a piece of cotton through the eye of a needle

About how long does a thread of cotton have to be to sew a
button on a shirt? A thread of cotton has to be
about ... cm long to sew a button on a shirt

What other kinds of needles are there besides sewing needles?
Besides sewing needles, there are
compass needles, injection needles etc.

agent **agency**

Why do professional actors have agents? Professional actors
have agents to help them find suitable work

When you go on holiday, do you prefer to let a travel agency deal with everything for you, or do you prefer to make all your arrangements yourself?

When I go on holiday, I prefer to ...

title

champion

boxer

What was the title of the last book you read?

The title of the last book I read was ...

Who, at present, holds the title of world heavyweight champion boxer?

At present, ... holds the title of ...

enormous

Would it cause enormous problems if all the traffic lights in this town suddenly stopped working?

Yes, it'd cause ...
~ No, it wouldn't cause

belief

Do you think that religious belief is increasing in the world generally, or becoming less important?

I think that religious belief is ...

effort

stay in touch with

Is it an effort for you to get up in the morning?

Yes, it's an effort ... ~ No, it isn't an effort ...

Do you make an effort to stay in touch with any of the people you used to go to school with?

Yes, I make ...
~ No, I don't make ...

tolerate

If you lived next to an airport, do you think you'd be able to tolerate the noise of the planes?

Yes, if I lived ..., I think I'd ...

~ No, if I lived ..., I don't think I'd ...

go ahead

just the same

When you were a child and your parents forbade you to do something, did you use to go ahead and do it just the same?

Yes, when I was a child and ..., I used to ...

~ No, when I was a child and ..., I didn't use to ...

What were the consequences?

The consequences were that ...



Students read Lesson 138 on page 768

bath

bathe

sunbathe

The difference between "bath" and "bathe" is that "bath" is generally used as a noun, whereas "bathe" is generally used as a verb. We have (or take) a bath in a bathroom, whereas we bathe in the sea, in a river, in a swimming pool etc.

What's the difference between "bath" and "bathe"?

The difference between ...

Other uses of the word "bathe" are, for example, "to sunbathe", "to bathe a wound with water" etc.

Why do people sometimes bathe their eyes?

People sometimes ... because they have something in their eyes that is causing irritation, or because their eyes feel tired

Do you enjoy sunbathing?

Yes, I enjoy sunbathing

~ No, I don't enjoy sunbathing

cheat

What do you think ought to happen when a student is caught cheating in an exam?

When a student is caught cheating in an exam, I think they should be sent out of the room etc.

Can you name me a well-known cheat from the world of sport or politics?

Yes, I can ... ~ No, I can't ...

Who?

dip

horizon

horizontal

Do you think it's bad manners to dip biscuits into a cup of tea or coffee?

Yes, I think ... ~ No, I don't think ...

What's my hand doing?

You're hand's moving in a horizontal direction, then suddenly dipping and coming up again

Does the sun rise over the horizon in the east or the west?

The sun rises over the horizon in the east

feed – fed – fed

If a dog sits looking at you while you're eating a meal, do you feed it while you're eating, or do you leave a little bit of food on your plate and feed it to the dog after you've finished?

If a dog sits ..., I ...

hay

straw

stem

The difference between hay and straw is that hay is dried grass, whereas straw is the stems of wheat or other types of corn after it has been cut.

What's the difference between hay and straw?

The difference ... is that hay is ...

The possessive ;apostrophe

For people and animals, we almost always use the apostrophe to communicate possession. For example, we say "Mr Johnson's tie", "my uncle's house", "the horse's tail" etc. We sometimes use it for things as well. For example, we can say "The book's main purpose is to teach", which is the same as saying "The main purpose of the book is to teach". However, for things, we generally communicate possession by using the word "of", and we say, for example, "the door of the house", or "the smell of the food".

When do we use the apostrophe to communicate possession?

We generally use the apostrophe
to communicate possession for people or animals

Give me some examples, please.

Steven's house, the dog's nose

How do we generally communicate possession for things?

We generally communicate
possession for things by using the word "of"

Give me an example, please.

the streets of London,
the peace of the countryside

Idiom 45

the last straw = the last of several bad things that have happened, which makes you realize you cannot stand a situation anymore

e.g. I've tried very hard to tolerate the noise from our neighbours but this is the last straw. I'm going to say something to them.

What does the idiom “the last straw” mean?

The idiom ...
“the last of several ...”

Give me an example, please.

After all the other difficulties
we’d had with the house, the problem
with the heating system was the last straw

development



Dictation 98

The storm had caused/ a lot of damage on the beach,/ which took a lot of tidying up./ It was the first time/ he had ever spoken in public,/ and it was clear/ that the poor man/ was suffering from stage fright./ Our plans were at/ a very advanced stage of development/ when we suddenly had to change them entirely,/ and in doing so received/ a stream of emails/ protesting about our decision./ They all went to the railway station/ to wave goodbye to their guest.



Do Revision Exercise 65

LESSON 145

preference

cuisine

Do you have a strong preference for any particular national cuisine?

Yes, I have ... ~ No, I don't have ...

Which?

style

Have you ever had a hairstyle that was completely different from the one you have now?

Yes, I've had ...

~ No, I've never had ...

help yourself

can't help

At a party, do you think it's better to let everyone help themselves to the food, or do you think it's better for them to be served by someone?

At a party, I think it's better ...

Is there any mistake in English that you can't help making when you write or speak?

Yes, there's a mistake in ...

~ No, there isn't any mistake in ...

Which?

load

barrel

lead

rod

Which animal do you think can pull the heaviest load?

I think the elephant can ...

How did they use to load a gun in the old days?

They used to load a gun in the old days by pouring gunpowder down the barrel of the gun, then dropping a lead ball down the barrel onto the powder, and then, finally, pushing everything down with a metal rod

Do you know how to use a fishing rod?

Yes, I know ...

~ No, I don't know ...

voyage

space

What is a voyage?

A voyage is a long journey on water or in space

tour

tourist

Have you ever been on a tour of a city on an open-topped bus?

Yes, I've been on ... ~ No, I've never been on ...

Where?

Name me somewhere in this country that's visited by tourists throughout the year.

... is somewhere in ...

pet

rabbit

Is it cheaper to keep a rabbit as a pet than a dog?

Yes, it's cheaper ...

run on

create

Why are cars that run on electricity becoming more popular these days?

Cars that ... because they don't create any pollution

Would it create big problems for you if you lost your mobile phone? Yes, it'd create ... ~ No, it wouldn't create ...

Yes, it'd create ... ~ No, it wouldn't create ...

Why or why not?

situated

Why are castles often situated on high ground?

Castles are often situated on high ground because, in the past, this made it more difficult for enemies to attack

cloth

What kind of cloth is most commonly used to make men's suits? Wool is most commonly used ...

Wool is most commonly used ...

convince

try

set free

When a man commits murder and the law cannot prove he did it, even though everyone is convinced he did, what happens?

When a man ..., even though ..., the man is set free

And if new evidence is discovered after the man has been set free, can he be tried again? Yes, in some countries,

Yes, in some countries,
if new evidence ...

relieve

relief

pill

painkiller

What do we call the pills that we take to relieve a headache?

We call ... painkillers

How long is a soldier generally on guard for before he's relieved?

A soldier is generally on guard for maybe two to four hours before he's relieved

What's the noun of "relieve"?

The noun ... is "relief"

During a war, what do we mean by Red Cross relief?

During a war, by Red Cross relief, we mean the food, medicine and protection that the Red Cross provide to people whose lives are being affected by the war



Students read Lesson 139 on page 775

self

selfish

self-control

control

Why is it that we seldom know another person's real self?

The reason we seldom ... is that most people keep some of their true character and feelings hidden from others

Do people who are spoilt as children often grow up to be selfish as adults?

Yes, people who are ...

What do we mean by self-control?

By self-control, we mean control over our own feelings, desires and emotions without discipline coming from others

lie – lay – lain

lie – lied – lied

lay – laid – laid

Three verbs which sometimes get confused with one another are:

- 1) the irregular verb "to lie", meaning "to be in a horizontal position", its three forms being "lie, lay, lain";

- 2) the regular verb "to lie", meaning "not to tell the truth", its three forms being "lie, lied, lied"; and
- 3) the verb "to lay", meaning "to put carefully on a surface", its three forms being "lay, laid, laid".

What are the three forms of the irregular verb "to lie" and what does it mean?

The three forms ... "lie, lay, lain",
and it means "to be in a horizontal position"

What are the three forms of the regular verb "to lie", and what does it mean?

The three forms ... "lie, lied, lied",
and it means "not to tell the truth"

What are the three forms of the verb "to lay" and what does it mean?

The three forms ... "lay, laid, laid",
and it means "to put carefully on a surface"

tight	tight-fitting	loose-fitting
airtight	watertight	container

What am I doing?

You're holding on tightly
to the arm (or side) of the chair

What's the contrary of "tight"?

The contrary ... "loose"

Which are more comfortable: tight-fitting or loose-fitting clothes?

Loose-fitting clothes ...

What do we mean when we say a container is airtight and watertight?

When we say a ..., we mean that no air
or water can pass into it from outside, or vice versa

aim	take aim
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What am I pretending to do?

You're pretending to
take aim at the window with a gun

Have you got any particular aim in life?

Yes, I've got a ...

~ No, I haven't got any ...

What?

damp

Is it healthy to live in a damp house?

No, it isn't healthy to ...

Why not?

Because it can make us ill

indeed

emphasis

What does the word "indeed" mean, and when do we use it?

The word "indeed" means "really", and we often add it for emphasis when we use the word "very"

Give me some examples, please.

It's very cold today indeed.

She sings very beautifully indeed.

Tigers are very dangerous animals indeed.

jaw

What part of the body's this?

It's the jaw

ladder

vertical

Describe a ladder, please.

A ladder consists of two long vertical pieces of wood or metal, connected together by several short horizontal pieces of wood or metal

What do we use a ladder for?

We use a ladder for climbing up walls, trees etc.

What must you buy in order to be admitted to the cinema?

You must buy a ticket in order to ...

If a criminal admits their guilt before any trial takes place, is their punishment often reduced by the judge?

Yes, if a criminal ..., their punishment ...

Idiom 46

a load off one's mind = a relief from worry

e.g. Now that I know the results at last, it's a load off my mind.

What does the idiom "a load off one's mind" mean?

The idiom ... "a relief from worry"

Give me an example, please.

I'm glad you've arrived safely; it's a great load off my mind



Dictation 99

I am afraid/ I cannot recommend him for the job./ The soldier was wounded during the battle./ They decided to separate/ and sit at separate tables./ We generally finish a business letter/ with "Yours faithfully" or "Yours sincerely"./ When we apply for a job,/ the manager, or whoever it might be,/ usually asks for a reference./ The corn stood shoulder high/ but was, unfortunately,/ full of weeds./ There is still a chance/ that the envelope containing the money/ might be found./ It was only a slight injury,/ so there was no need/ to visit the hospital.

Stage 9 Exam

Yes / No Quiz

- No** 1) Can we cut bread with the thick edge of a knife?
- No** 2) Can we say “usefuller” when forming the comparative of “useful”?
- No** 3) By the “background” of a picture, do we mean its main subject?
- Yes** 4) Do dogs bury bones?
- No** 5) Do ten pence make a pound?
- Yes** 6) Is the word “sadder” spelt with two Ds?
- No** 7) Does tea with sugar taste bitter?
- No** 8) Is it correct to say “The thief robbed my watch”?
- Yes** 9) Should we handle eggs gently?
- No** 10) Do horses have paws?
- Yes** 11) Does a disorderly crowd usually scatter when the police arrive?
- No** 12) Does one turn a tap on clockwise?
- No** 13) Is it easy to read a book upside-down?
- Yes** 14) Do we throw worn-out things away?
- No** 15) Is this sentence correct: “They were never see their home again”?
- Yes** 16) Is a bar of gold heavier than a bar of iron of the same size?
- No** 17) Is it nice to be deceived by people?
- Yes** 18) Do people sometimes faint with excitement?
- No** 19) Do car doors open inwards?
- Yes** 20) Do we get water when ice melts?

- Yes** 21) If you smoke heavily, are you running risks with your health?
- No** 22) Are there 100 degrees in a right angle?
- Yes** 23) Is a miner a person who works in a mine?
- No** 24) Is tough meat easy to eat?
- No** 25) Are tigers harmless creatures?
- No** 26) Does it cost money to browse in a shop?
- Yes** 27) If you bought something for less than its real value, would you be getting a bargain?
- Yes** 28) Ought we to say "Excuse me" when we want to pass between two people who are speaking to each other?
- No** 29) Do we screw nails into wood?
- Yes** 30) Are our eyebrows above our eyelashes?
- Yes** 31) Does water in a pan boil faster with the lid on?
- No** 32) Is the weather at the North Pole mild?
- No** 33) Is straw dried grass?
- Yes** 34) Can certain pills relieve pain?
- No** 35) If you wear clothes that are too big for you, are they tight?
- No** 36) Is it correct to say "She came from a near town"?
- No** 37) Is it healthy to live in a damp house?
- Yes** 38) Do most students have gaps in their knowledge?
- Yes** 39) Do people ever light candles when there is a failure in the electricity supply?
- No** 40) Do you like thieves and liars?

Vocabulary Test

- | | |
|-----------------|----------------|
| 1) tin | 21) perform |
| 2) sympathy | 22) trick |
| 3) entertain | 23) envy |
| 4) somewhat | 24) advice |
| 5) at all | 25) clockwise |
| 6) run over | 26) rub |
| 7) kneel | 27) beneath |
| 8) mystery | 28) celebrity |
| 9) forbidden | 29) feather |
| 10) view | 30) monkey |
| 11) hid | 31) horrible |
| 12) detail | 32) cage |
| 13) ignore | 33) pick out |
| 14) neat | 34) scent |
| 15) ill at ease | 35) work out |
| 16) escape | 36) weapon |
| 17) currency | 37) reckon |
| 18) essay | 38) witness |
| 19) hut | 39) get rid of |
| 20) otherwise | 40) upset |

Dictation

Outdoor swimming pools are often surrounded/ by fences or hedges/ to protect them from the wind./ We wandered up the path/ towards the ancient-looking house./ Excessive heat can make us sweat./ One of those doorposts/ is leaning inwards./ I'm going to stop exercising/ because my right shoulder feels tender./ Inside the hall of the building,/ there were heaps of old cloth/ scattered about on the floor./ The lock on this door is worn/ and will soon need mending./ Cats will scratch people/ if they're frightened./ She warned me to lower my head/ as I went into the room.

STAGE 10

LESSON 146

Modal auxiliaries for probability

logical

In order to communicate our ideas about how probable we think something is, we often use words such as "sure", "probably" or "perhaps". However, another common way of communicating these ideas is by using modal auxiliary verbs such as "must", "might" etc. For example, instead of saying "Perhaps David is Australian", we can say "David might be Australian".

Tell me a common way of communicating our ideas about how probable we think something is, besides using words like "sure", "probably" or "perhaps"? A common ...,
besides ..., is by using modal auxiliary verbs

Give me an example, please. I may buy some new
clothes next weekend

The modal "must" can express the idea that we are sure something is true because it makes logical sense in a particular situation. For example, if somebody says "John has just run 30 kilometres", we can reply "He must be tired". This is similar to saying "Judging from what you've just told me, I'm sure he is tired".

Which modal can express the idea that we're sure something is true because it makes logical sense in a particular situation? The modal "must" can ...

Give me an example, please. Alison must have a lot of money
because she owns houses in four different countries

The modals "should" and "ought to" can express the idea of "probably". For example, we can say "The train should arrive soon". This means the same as "I think the train will probably arrive soon".

Which modals can express the idea of “probably”?

The modals “should” and “ought to” can ...

Give me an example, please.

They just said on TV that it
ought to be nice and sunny tomorrow

The modals “may”, “might” and “could” can express the idea of “perhaps”. For example, if somebody asks us “Do you know where Sarah is?”, we can answer “She could be in her office”. This is similar to saying “Perhaps she’s in her office”.

Which modals can express the idea of “perhaps”?

The modals “may”, “might” and “could” can ...

Give me an example, please.

Quick! If you run, you
might catch that bus!

The modal “can’t” expresses the idea that we are sure something is not true because it makes no logical sense in a particular situation. For example, if somebody says “This is Peter’s jacket”, we can say “No, it can’t be Peter’s jacket; it’s too small”.

Which modal expresses the idea that we’re sure something is not true because it makes no logical sense in a particular situation?

The modal “can’t” expresses ...

Give me an example, please.

Amy can’t be in her flat. I’ve
called there three times and nobody’s answered.

When we use modals in this way, we put the word “have” and a past participle after the modal when we are talking about something that happened in the past. For example, “John ran 30 kilometres yesterday. He must have been very tired when he finished”.

When we use modals in this way, what do we do when we’re talking about something that happened in the past?

When we use ..., we put the word “have” and a past
participle after the modal when we’re talking about ...

Give me an example, please.

I can’t find Kim anywhere.
I think she may have gone home.

Now, I will give you a sentence, and you say a sentence with the same meaning, but with a modal:

She runs every day, so I'm sure she's fit. She runs every day,
so she must be fit

Perhaps he knows the address of the party. He might
(or may/could) know the address of the party

I'm certain that he isn't in his office because the lights are off. He can't be in his office because ...

I think the cake will probably taste very good. The cake
should (or ought to) taste very good

I'm sure he studied hard for that exam because he got the highest possible grade. He must have studied hard
for that exam because ...

They left home two hours ago so they've probably arrived by now. They left home two hours ago
so they should have arrived by now

I don't believe she's gone home yet because her car's still here. She can't have gone home
yet because her car's still here

I think perhaps I forgot to lock the door. I may (or might)
have forgotten to lock the door



Students read Lesson 140 on page 782

climate

Which country do you think has the best climate in the world?

I think ... has the best ...

Why?

shade

shadow

projector

beam

old-fashioned

What's the opposite of "to sit in the sun"?

The opposite of
"to sit in the sun" is "to sit in the shade"

When you buy jeans, what shade of blue do you tend to buy: a light shade or a dark shade?

When I buy jeans, I tend ...

What am I pretending to do?

You're pretending to
shade your eyes from the sun

At the cinema, when someone passes in front of the projector and cuts the beam of light, what do we see appear on the screen?

At the cinema, when ..., we see the
shadow of the person's head appear on the screen

Can you see any shadows on the walls of this room?

Yes, I can see ...

Where?

Do you like old-fashioned country houses where the ceilings are supported by big wooden beams?

Yes, I like ...
~ No, I don't like ...

Would you like to live in a house like that?

Yes, I'd like to ...
~ No, I wouldn't like to ...

cheer

cheer up!

What do people do at a concert when the performance has been very good?

People cheer at a concert when ...

What does it mean: "Cheer up! Things aren't as bad as they seem"?

"Cheer up! Things aren't as bad as they seem" means that we should try to feel happier, because the situation that is making us unhappy is not as serious as it appears to be

direct

channel

English Channel

curve

course

off course

current

directly

Direct me to the nearest post office from here, please.

Go out of the building, turn ...

Do you think you'd be good at directing a large business?

Yes, I think I'd be ... ~ No, I don't think I'd be ...

When swimmers swim across the English Channel, do they swim in a direct line?

No, when swimmers ..., they don't swim in ...; they swim in a curve

Why is this?

Because if they tried to go in a direct line, they'd be carried off course by the strong current

What do you do directly after the lesson is over?

I ... directly after the lesson is over



Dictation 100

The boy whistled to himself/ as he cycled down the empty street./ The evil deed has been done/ and cannot be undone,/ so we should accept the fact/ and stop thinking about it./ Every now and again,/ I get my car checked/ by a professional/ so that I know it will run properly./ The girl sat on the steps/ cutting up the pink cloth/ into small pieces./ In the discussion that followed,/ Arthur lost his temper/ and began to quarrel violently./ My essay was criticized/ for not containing proper paragraphs.



Do Revision Exercise 66

LESSON 147

"Will" and "would" for habits

typical

We usually use the word "will" to speak about the future, but we can also use it for a present habit, especially when we want to communicate that the habit is typical of a particular person. For example, we can say "Most people here finish work at about 6 p.m., but Frank will stay at the office until 11 p.m. most days". If we are speaking about a past habit, we use "would" instead. For example, "When I was at university, I would get up at 5 a.m. every day and go jogging".

Give me an example of the word "will" used for a present habit, please.

Sarah loves books, and will often spend the whole weekend reading

Give me an example of the word "would" used for a past habit, please.

As a child, I would ride my bicycle every day

When speaking about past habits, the difference between "would" and "used to" is that we can use "would" only to speak about behaviour, whereas we can use "used to" to speak about both behaviour and states. For example, we can say "Anna used to have long hair", but we cannot say "Anna would have long hair", because we are speaking about a state and not someone's behaviour.

When speaking about past habits, what's the difference between "would" and "used to"?

When speaking ...,
the difference between "would" and "used to" is that ...

Make a sentence with the words "used to" that could not be made using the word "would" instead, please.

That building used to belong to my family

primary

secondary

At what age does a child move from primary school to secondary school in this country?

A child moves ...

associate

What kind of food do you think people associate with your country?

I think people ...

Do you think it's a good idea to meet one's work associates socially?

Yes, I think ... ~ No, I don't think ...

Why or why not?

Because ...

fellow

society

As a noun, the word "fellow" means the same as "man", but this is quite old-fashioned these days.

As a noun, what does the word "fellow" mean?

As a noun, the word "fellow" ...

As an adjective, the word "fellow" means "in a similar situation to you". For example, a fellow traveller, a fellow student, a fellow member of a society etc.

Do you ever talk to your fellow travellers when you're on a train?

Yes, I sometimes ... ~ No, I never ...

PC

monitor

mouse

keyboard

printer

click

What do we call the screen we look at when we're using a desktop PC?

We call ... a monitor

What's the advantage of having a wireless mouse, keyboard and printer for a PC?

The advantage ... is that they can be moved around more easily, and everything on one's desk looks tidier

On the internet, how many times do we have to click to follow a link?

On the internet, we only have to click once to follow a link

spectator

athletics

medal

At an athletics competition, what do the spectators do when the winner of an event receives a medal?

At an athletics competition, the spectators cheer when ...

nest

What do we call the home a bird builds for itself?

We call the home ... a nest

take advantage of

facility

When you stay at a hotel, do you usually take advantage of all the facilities?

Yes, when I stay ..., I usually ...
~ No, when I stay ..., I don't usually ...

If you felt that someone was trying to take advantage of you, would you say anything to them?

Yes, if I felt ..., I'd ...
~ No, if I felt ..., I wouldn't ...

rare

Name me a rare metal, please.

Gold is a rare metal

embarrass

Do you get embarrassed easily?

Yes, I get ... ~ No, I don't get ...



Students read Lesson 141 on page 789

scared

Are you scared of big dogs?

Yes, I'm scared ... ~ No,
I'm not scared ...

hire

plumber

The words "hire" and "rent" are similar, and either word is often possible, but the word "hire" suggests a shorter period of time than "rent". For example, we hire a video camera to film a wedding, but we rent a house to live in. If we are speaking about people, we hire somebody to do a specific job. For example, if we have a problem with our central heating at home, we hire a plumber to fix it. However, if somebody works for us for a long time, we use the verb "employ". For example, a school employs teachers.

What's the difference between "hire" and "rent"?

The difference ... is that the word "hire" suggests a shorter period of time than "rent"

If you have a problem with your central heating, who do you need to hire to fix it?

If you have ..., you need to hire a plumber to fix it

huge

Give me an example of the word "huge", please.

He lives in a huge house in the country.
He now realizes that leaving his job was a huge mistake.

lonely

When people go and live in another country because of their job, do they sometimes feel lonely at first?

Yes, when people ..., they ...

Do people always feel lonely when they're alone?

No, people don't always ...

definition

If you want to know the definition of a word, what kind of book do you look in?

If I want ..., I look in a dictionary

loads of

"Loads of" is an informal way of saying "a lot of".

If you had loads of money, do you think you'd be a more generous person?

Yes, if I ..., I think ...
~ No, if I ..., I don't think ...

"Make the best of" and "make the most of" have very similar meanings.

"Make the best of" means to try to be positive even though a situation is not very good. For example, if it rains every day on holiday, we have to make the best of it.

"Make the most of" means to get the maximum benefit from a situation while it is available. For example, if you go to London to learn English, you should make the most of your time there by speaking the language as often as possible.

Are people who try to make the best of unpleasant situations usually happier than people who don't? Yes, people who ...

Do you always make the most of your free time or do you sometimes waste your time? I always make ...
~ I don't always make ...; I sometimes waste ...



Dictation 101

I scarcely had the courage to move./ The cat followed its owner/ into the kitchen/
hoping for some food./ It was thus decided/ that the best plan/ would be to find/
some kind of natural harbour/ along the coast,/ perhaps protected by some high
cliffs,/ and leave the boat there./ It was clear/ that both the nephew and niece/
worshipped their uncle./ War was declared/ and all foreigners were seized/ by the
police./ The student's accommodation was very poor./ His room was furnished/
with just a bed,/ table and chair,/ and a shelf for his books./ The student himself
was so poor/ that he scarcely had the money/ to buy the books he needed.

LESSON 148

"By" and its many uses (continued)

by birth by heart poetry measurement

Here are some more examples of expressions that contain the word "by":

- 1) "They were walking by the river" means that they were walking next to the river.
- 2) "We cooked the meat by roasting it" means that we used the method of roasting in order to cook the meat.
- 3) "We'll have finished the job by this time tomorrow" means that we'll finish the job at some time before this time tomorrow.
- 4) "The workers get paid by the hour" means that the workers get paid a certain amount for each hour they work.
- 5) "His office is 6 metres by 4 metres" means that his office is 6 metres long and 4 metres wide.
- 6) "He is Chinese by birth" means that he was born in China.
- 7) "I know the English alphabet by heart" means that I can say the English alphabet from memory.

Are you sitting by the window? Yes, I'm ... ~ No, I'm not ...

Do you come to school by car? Yes, I come ... ~ No, I don't come ...

Had you gone to sleep by midnight last night? Yes, I'd gone ... ~
No, I hadn't gone ...

When one hires a lawyer, does one often have to pay by the hour? Yes, when one ..., one often ...

Are the measurements of a double bed about 200 cm by 140 cm? Yes, the measurements ...

What nationality are you by birth? I'm ... by birth

Do you know any poetry by heart? Yes, I know ...
~ No, I don't know ...

report reporter misbehaviour well done!

If your school report is (or was) good (or bad), what do (or did) your parents say? If my school report ...,
my parents say (or said)
"Well done!" (or "You must try harder" etc.)

Were you ever reported to the head teacher of your primary school for misbehaviour? Yes, I was reported ...
~ No, I was never reported ...

If you were a newspaper reporter, what kind of news would you like to write about? If I were ..., I'd like to ...

set

If you bought a set of knives, forks and spoons, how many of each would you expect it to contain? If I bought ...,
I'd expect ...

approve disapprove approval disapproval

Do you approve of people being allowed to smoke in public places? Yes, I approve of ... ~ No,
I don't approve of ...; I disapprove

What are the nouns of the verbs “approve” and “disapprove”?

The nouns ... are
“approval” and “disapproval”

track running track railway track print

How is a track made?

A track is made by people
or animals constantly walking
over the same piece of ground

What’s a running track?

A running track is a track
used for races, which we find on a
sports field or in an athletics stadium

What are railway tracks?

Railway tracks are the
lines on which trains run

How can we tell the difference between the tracks of a horse
and those of a cow?

We can tell the difference ...
by the prints. The prints left by
a horse are round like a horseshoe,
whereas those of a cow are split down the middle

How do the police track a murderer?

The police track
a murderer mainly by searching
for clues and asking people questions

recipe

What do we call the set of instructions that tells us how to
cook a particular dish?

We call ... a recipe



Students read Lesson 142 on page 795

alike

like each other

What can we say instead of "They are like each other"?

We can say "They are alike"
instead of "They are like each other"

What can we say instead of "My brother looks similar to me"?

We can say "My brother and I look alike"
instead of "My brother looks similar to me"

package

parcel

packet

A package and a parcel are more or less the same thing, but a parcel is normally a package that is sent through the post or delivered to somebody. A packet, on the other hand, is usually a small package that we find in shops, containing several similar items, like sweets, crisps, or cigarettes.

What's the difference between a package and a parcel?

The difference ... is that a
parcel is normally a package that ...

What kind of products normally come in packets?

Products such as biscuits, sweets
and crisps normally come in packets

camp

camping

campsite

tent

If you went camping, would you prefer your tent to be on a campsite with proper facilities, or would you prefer to make your own camp away from everyone else?

If I went ...,
I'd prefer ...

saddle

What's a saddle?

A saddle is a seat on a horse, bicycle, motorbike etc.

via

oral

What are the two most common ways of giving a sick person medicine?

The two ... are orally or via an injection

messenger

pigeon

Which bird was commonly used in history as a messenger to deliver important news over a long distance?

The pigeon was commonly used ...

How?

By tying a small written message to one of its legs and then allowing it to fly home

Adjective + infinitive with "to"

When an adjective is followed by an infinitive with "to", it often communicates our feelings or reactions to a particular event. For example, "I was surprised to hear the news" means that the news surprised me. The sentence "I'll be happy to help you" means that helping you will make me feel happy.

When an adjective is followed by an infinitive with "to", what does it often communicate?

When an adjective ..., it often communicates ...

Give me an example, please.

She was sad to say goodbye to her friends

Noun (or pronoun) + infinitive with "to"

When a noun (or pronoun) is followed by an infinitive with "to", it is similar to a relative clause. For example, "I have a lot of work to do" means the same as "I have a lot of work that I must do". The sentence "There is nothing in the fridge for us to eat" means "There is nothing in the fridge that we can eat".

Give me an example of a sentence with a noun (or pronoun) followed by an infinitive with “to”, please. We have loads of emails to write. I have nothing to do tomorrow.



Dictation 102

She can remember the words to the chorus/ but not every verse./ I dare not think/ of the effect it will have on him,/ but he ought to be told./ Even if we get a loan,/ we'll only be postponing the day/ when we have to close the business/ as a complete loss./ I can still see the scene now,/ with the boy almost in tears/ standing in front of the head teacher/ on his first day at the new school,/ asking not to be sent home./ There were many suits of armour/ just inside the entrance to the castle,/ and deer were wandering around/ in the grounds outside.



Do Revision Exercise 67

LESSON 149

It's time ...

If we use an infinitive after the expression "it's time" and say, for example, "It's time (for us) to eat", it means that now is the proper or correct time to eat; maybe we are at work and our lunch break starts now. However, if we use the past tense after "it's time" and say, for example, "It's time we ate", it means that we are a little late; maybe our lunch break will finish quite soon and we need to hurry. Notice that, although we are using the past tense, "ate", we are not speaking about the past; we are talking about a situation in the present.

What's the difference between "It's time for us to leave" and "It's time we left"?

The difference between "It's time for us to leave" and "It's time we left" is that "It's time for us to leave" means that now is the correct time to leave, whereas "It's time we left" means that we are a little late and maybe need to hurry

Give me another example of "it's time" followed by an infinitive, please.

It's nine o'clock; it's time for the children to go to bed

And give me another example of "it's time" followed by the past tense, please.

It's nearly midnight; it's time the children went to bed

beat – beat – beaten

What am I doing?

You're beating your pen on the edge of the table

Does your country usually get beaten at football?

Yes, my country usually ...
~ No, my country doesn't usually ...

chief

tribe

What do you find to be the chief difficulty for you in learning English?

I find the chief difficulty for me in learning English to be ...

What do we mean by the chief of a tribe?

By the chief of a tribe, we mean the leader of the tribe

disappoint

disappointment

Are you easily disappointed?

Yes, I'm easily disappointed ~
No, I'm not easily disappointed

What's the biggest disappointment you've ever suffered in your life?

The biggest disappointment ... was ...

fine

superior

The word "fine" can mean "of very good or superior quality". For example, we can say "a fine football player" or "fine gold". It can also mean "delicate", "thin" or "small", as in "fine cotton" or "fine detail".

Are fine wines often extremely expensive?

Yes, fine wines are ...

What do we mean when we say that somebody has fine hair?

When we say ..., we mean that each individual hair is thin

sort

sort out

recycle

rubbish

What sort of food should we eat if we want to stay healthy?

We should eat ...

If we want to recycle our rubbish, do we have to sort it into different types? Yes, if we ..., we have to ...

Are you good at sorting out other people’s problems for them? Yes, I’m good at ... ~ No, I’m not good at ...

hollow **solid** **fall to pieces**

If an object is hollow, it has empty space inside it, so it is not solid. For example, a tennis ball is hollow, whereas a golf ball is solid.

How can we tell if a wall is hollow or solid? We can tell ...
by tapping it with our finger

And what sort of sound do we get when we tap a hollow wall? We get a hollow sound when ...

What do we get when water changes from a liquid state to a solid state? We get ice when ...

Could a table that’s not solidly built fall to pieces? Yes, a table that’s not ...

the lot **popcorn**

If you went to the cinema and bought a ticket, some popcorn and a drink, how much would you expect to pay for the lot? If I went ..., I’d expect ... for the lot

 *Students read Lesson 143 on page 802*

represent representative symbolize ceremony

One meaning of the verb "to represent" is "to symbolize". For example, we can say "The cross on the map represents my house". Another meaning is "to act in the place of". For example, "The Queen was represented at the ceremony by her cousin".

What's one meaning of the verb "to represent"?

One meaning of the verb
"to represent" is "to symbolize"

Give me an example, please.

Love is often represented
in pictures by a red heart

What's another meaning of the verb "to represent"?

Another meaning of the verb
"to represent" is "to act in the place of"

Give me an example, please.

David was chosen to represent
the workers at the management meeting

What's the name of the representative for your town in the government of your country?

The name of ...
of my country is ...

shame ashamed

What do we mean if we say that someone is filled with shame?

If we say ..., we mean that
they are filled with a strong feeling of
embarrassment and regret for what they have done

How do people behave when they feel ashamed of what they've done?

When people feel ...,
they avoid eye contact, become
red in the face, say they're sorry etc.

What would I mean if I said "It was a shame you couldn't come to the party last weekend"?

If you said ..., you'd
mean it was a pity I couldn't come ...

exclaim

nonsense

What do we exclaim when we think someone's talking nonsense?

When we think someone's talking nonsense, we can exclaim "Nonsense!", "Rubbish!" etc.

traffic jam

If you were stuck in a very bad traffic jam, would you turn your car engine off to save petrol?

Yes, if I were ..., I'd ...

~ No, if I were ..., I wouldn't ...

rank

admiral

Is the rank of admiral one of the highest ranks in the navy?

Yes, the rank of admiral ...

tailor

dressmaker

designer

Who does a man go to if he wants a suit made especially for him?

A man goes to a tailor if he ...

And who does a woman go to if she wants clothes made especially for her?

A woman goes to a dressmaker or designer if she ...

Name some internationally famous clothes designers?

The names of some ...

baggage

What do we mean by baggage?

By baggage we mean suitcases and other bags that we travel with

What's another word for "baggage"?

Another word ... is
"luggage"



Dictation 103

She managed to hammer/ the bent nail into the wood./ Leather is a tough material./
The number of mice/ on board the merchant ship/ was found to be excessive./ Your
essay should be split/ into eight separate paragraphs./ Earthworms often come to
the surface/ when it rains heavily./ Baskets full of freshly picked oranges/ with a
leaf or two still on them/ were placed on the table/ in preparation for the feast./
You'll never be satisfied with life/ if you're too greedy./ This type of coffee bean/
cannot be grown in a dry climate./ He felt too tired and lazy/ to place another log
on the fire./ It's difficult to live in a house/ with someone who plays the drums.

LESSON 150

Common uses of the gerund

Three common uses of the gerund are:

- 1) as a subject in a sentence: for example, "Jogging keeps me fit";
- 2) after a preposition: for example, "She is good at teaching children";
- 3) after certain verbs: for example, "He regrets selling his house".

Tell me three common uses of the gerund, please.

Three common ... are as a subject in a sentence, after a preposition, and after certain verbs

Give me an example of each, please.

Swimming can be fun.
I'm fed up with listening to that song all day. She enjoys dancing.

treat

treatment

shock

Do some people treat their pets like members of the family?

Yes, some people ...

Do you know how to treat someone for shock, or someone who's fainted?

Yes, I know ... ~ No, I don't know ...

What do you think's the best treatment for a common cold?

I think the best treatment ... is ...

allowance

make allowance

Do you think it's better to give children a fixed weekly allowance, or give them money little by little as they need it?

I think it's better to ...

When we decide how much time we need to travel from one place to another, should we always make allowances for the possibility of traffic jams or public transport problems?

Yes, when we ..., we should always ...

beg

forgive

forgiveness

pardon

I beg your pardon

Are you against people begging in the streets?

Yes, I'm against ... ~ No, I'm not against ...

On what kind of occasions do people beg for forgiveness?

The kind of occasions ... are when they have done something seriously wrong

Do you believe people should always be forgiven for the things they do wrong?

Yes, I believe ... ~ No, I don't believe ...

When we have not quite heard what someone has said, we say "I beg your pardon?" or just "Pardon?", or "Sorry?".

When we have not quite heard what someone has just said, what do we say?

When we have not ..., we say "I beg your pardon?" or just "Pardon?", or "Sorry?"

disease

contagious

influenza (flu)

typhoid

A disease is an illness, usually one that has a specific cause. Some diseases are contagious, meaning that they can be passed from person to person, like influenza (flu) and typhoid.

Tell me the names of some common contagious diseases, please.

Some common contagious diseases are ...

fire

Have you ever fired a real gun?

Yes, I've fired ... ~
No, I've never fired ...

room

solution

Do you think there is, and always will be, enough room in the world for everybody?

Yes, I think ... ~ No, I don't think ...

If not, what do you think's the best solution to the problem?

I think the best solution ...

jet

Name someone who you reckon probably owns a private jet.

I reckon ... probably ...

sharp

Do you think a person needs a sharp mind to work as a detective?

Yes, I think ... ~ No, I don't think ...

What do we mean by a sharp pain?

By a sharp pain, we mean a severe pain that starts suddenly



Students read Lesson 144 on page 809

process

raw

Do you regard buying products online as a simple or complicated process?

I regard ... as a ... process

What do we mean by raw materials? By raw materials, we mean materials in their natural or unprocessed state

Give me some examples, please. coal, wood, cotton etc.

Do you ever eat raw meat or vegetables? Yes, I sometimes ...
~ No, I never ...

What do we mean by processed food? By processed food, we mean food that has been changed from its raw or natural state in order to preserve it or make it safer to eat

Give me some examples, please. frozen vegetables, biscuits etc.

sample

Why might a baker offer a customer a free sample of a particular type of bread? A baker might ... to let the customer try it before deciding to buy a whole loaf

undergraduate

graduate

What's an undergraduate? An undergraduate is a university student who has not finished their degree yet

And what do we call somebody who has finished their degree successfully? We call ... a graduate

vain

in vain

Who is the vainest person you know? ... is the vainest person I know

What does the expression "in vain" mean? The expression "in vain" means "failing to produce a good result"

Give me an example, please.

The doctors struggled
in vain to save the man

as long as (so long as)

Is it good for the health to drink red wine, as long as we don't drink too much?

Yes, it's good for ... as long as ...

turn

turn to

turn out to be

badly

traffic lights

misjudge

In some shops, do customers have to take tickets to show whose turn it is to be served?

Yes, in some shops,
customers have to ...

In what order do traffic lights turn from stop to go; that is, in what order do the colours change?

Traffic lights turn
from stop to go by changing ...

Who do you turn to when you're in trouble or need help badly?

I turn to ... when I'm ...

Do you find you often misjudge people when you meet them for the first time (for example, you might think they're honest and they turn out to be dishonest)?

Yes, I find I often ...
~ No, I don't find I often ...

queue

jump the queue

What would you do if you were queuing in a shop and you noticed someone jump the queue in front of you?

If I was queuing ..., I'd ...

aloud

What's the contrary of "to read to oneself"?

The contrary ...
is "to read aloud" ...

spot

If a small spot of coffee fell on your clothes at work, how could you clean it off?

If a small ..., I could ... by ...

What kind of spot do you prefer for a picnic?

I prefer a
quiet spot by the sea (or in a park etc.) for a picnic

do one's best

Do you always try to do your best in everything you do?

Yes, I always try to ...
~ No, I don't always try to ...



Do Revision Exercise 68

LESSON 151

beyond

wild

fantastic

expectation

If you faced south and could look at the horizon from where you're sitting now, which village, town, city or country would be just beyond the horizon?

If I faced ... sitting
now, ... would be ...

Has anything ever happened to you which has been beyond your wildest dreams; that is, beyond your most fantastic expectations?

Yes, something has happened to ...
~ No, nothing has ever happened to ...

What?

Who would you say was beyond doubt the greatest person alive today?

I'd say that ... was beyond doubt the ...

coarse

What do we mean by coarse cloth?

By coarse cloth,
we mean cloth that feels rough

What do we mean by a coarse person?

By a coarse ...,
we mean somebody who has poor manners and
behaves in a way that might offend some people

approach

When you're on a train, how can you tell when it's approaching a station?

When you're ..., you can
tell ... because the train begins to slow down

firm

mattress

Can the quality of a person's sleep be affected by how firm the mattress on their bed is?

Yes, the quality of ...

Do you have a firm idea of what you want to do in life?

Yes, I have a firm idea of ...

~ No, I don't have a firm idea of ...

Which is the biggest firm in your home town?

The biggest
firm ... is ...

smart

Do you think you need to be smart to run a successful business?

Yes, I think ... ~ No, I don't think ...

Do some restaurants only allow people to enter if they're wearing smart clothes?

Yes, some restaurants only ...

rot

rotten

Where does meat rot more quickly: in the heat or in the cold?

Meat rots more quickly in the heat

Do rotten vegetables smell horrible?

Yes, rotten ...

sheet

blanket

Do you prefer to sleep under a sheet and blanket, or do you prefer to use a duvet?

I prefer ...

Which is normally thinner: a sheet of paper or a sheet of steel?

A sheet of paper is normally ...

ray

At what time of day are the rays of the sun at their hottest at this time of year? The rays of the sun are ...

fever

If a friend of yours had a fever, what would you advise them to do? If a friend of mine ..., I'd advise them to ...

ski

Is it possible to go skiing in your country? Yes, it's possible to ... ~ No, it isn't possible to ...

sauce

What's your favourite sauce? My favourite sauce is ...

veil

Do women wear veils when they get married in your country? Yes, women wear ... ~ No, women don't wear ...

give in

mug

Would you give in without a fight if a thief tried to mug you on the street? Yes, I'd give in without ... ~ No, I wouldn't give in without ...

Why or why not?



Students read Lesson 145 on page 816

stretch

The basic meaning of the word "stretch" is "extend".

What's the basic meaning of the word "stretch"?

The basic ...

Do you stretch when you get out of bed in the morning?

Yes, I stretch when I ...

~ No, I don't stretch when I ...

If someone borrowed a pullover of yours that was too small for them and they stretched it, would you be annoyed?

Yes, if someone ..., I'd be annoyed

~ No, if someone ..., I wouldn't be annoyed

How far does the road outside this building stretch?

The road outside ... stretches as far as ...

earnest

What do we mean by an earnest person?

By an earnest

person, we mean someone who's serious and sincere

run short of

What do you do when you run short of money?

When I

run short ..., I ...

altogether

Taking things altogether, do you think this town is a good place to live?

Yes, taking ..., I think ...

~ No, taking ..., I don't think ...

Can you think of a film that you've seen that was altogether terrible?

Yes, I can think of ... ~ No, I can't think of ...

Which? Why?

model

representation

What do we mean by a model aeroplane?

By a model

aeroplane, we mean a small

representation of a real aeroplane

Do top fashion models earn a lot of money?

Yes, top ...

How often do car companies change their models?

Car companies change their

models about once every ... years

Were you a model student when you were at school?

Yes, I was ... ~ No, I wasn't ...

in time

on time

show

The phrase "in time" means "before it's too late". For example, "We got to the theatre in time to have a quick drink before the show". The phrase "on time" means "at the correct, or arranged, time". For example, "My flight from London to Paris left on time".

What's the difference between "in time" and "on time"?

The difference ... is that "in time" means

"before it's too late", whereas "on time"

means "at the correct, or arranged, time"

Give me an example of the difference, please.

Unfortunately, I didn't arrive on time for the start of the concert, but I did get there in time to hear my favourite song

confidence	secret	keep a secret
self-confidence	in confidence	in secret

Is there anyone you can think of in whom you have such confidence that you could trust them to keep your greatest secrets?

Yes, there's someone I can ...
~ No, there isn't anyone I can ...

What do we mean when we say that someone is full of self-confidence?

When we say that ..., we mean that they are sure of themselves and their abilities

How would you feel if you spoke to somebody in confidence about something but they then told other people what you had discussed?

If I spoke ... but they ..., I'd feel ...

Would you be happy if your friends organized a birthday party for you in secret?

Yes, I'd be ... ~ No, I wouldn't be ...

drag	figurative	mean to say
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What does the word "drag" mean?

The word "drag" means to pull something heavy along the ground, often with some difficulty

We can also use the word "drag" in a figurative sense; for example, "Whatever you do, don't drag me into the argument".

Give me an example of the word “drag” used figuratively, please.

You mean to say you dragged me all this way just to show me that!

What would I mean if I said “The film was quite good, but it dragged a bit in the middle”?

If you said “The film was ...”, you’d mean that it was a bit slow and boring in the middle



Dictation 104

While the patient was unconscious,/ a special powder was applied/ to his wound./ We cannot call him a liar,/ as we have no means of checking/ the truth of his statement./ The actual salary for the job/ is based on a fixed scale/ which gives the employee/ an increase each year,/ with the exact amount/ being determined by the government./ I’m anxious about how idle/ that boy is becoming/ as he grows up./ When she woke up,/ she was forbidden to eat for twelve hours/ after leaving hospital,/ and was advised to remain at home/ for several days./ Poison is still often used/ to get rid of rats in buildings./ Pass me that pad/ of cotton wool, please.

LESSON 152

"Any" and "some" with singular countable nouns

whichever

idiot

When we use the word "any" in front of a singular countable noun, it means "it's not important which". For example, the sentence "Take any biscuit you like" means that it isn't important which biscuit you take; you can choose whichever one you like.

Give me an example of the word "any" used with the meaning of "it's not important which", please.

Any child can
learn to ride a bicycle

When we use "some" in front of a singular countable noun, we are referring to a particular person or thing, but we don't know (or we don't want to say) who it is or which it is. For example, in the sentence "Some man came to see you this morning while you were out", we are referring to a particular man, but we can't remember or don't know who it was.

Give me an example of the word "some" used when we're referring to a particular person, please.

Some idiot
has broken the window

flash

thunderstorm

image

When there's a thunderstorm, we first see the flash of lightning. Then, after a few seconds, we hear the thunder, even though the thunder and lightning actually happen at the same time. The reason for the delay in hearing the thunder is that sound travels more slowly than light.

Why is it that, in a thunderstorm, we first see the flash of lightning, and then, after a delay of a few seconds, hear the thunder?

In a thunderstorm, we first ...
because sound travels more slowly than light

When does a camera need a flash to be able to produce a clear image?

A camera ... when there isn't enough natural light,
or when the lights inside a building aren't bright enough

signal

What am I doing?

You're making a signal for someone to stop

Do you always get a good signal on your phone?

Yes, I

always get ... ~ No, I don't always get ...

slide

slip

The verb "slide" means "to move smoothly across a surface", in the way that skis move over snow or ice. The verb "slip" usually means "to slide by accident". For example, "He slipped on the banana skin and fell".

Is it easier to slide a heavy object across a floor if we first put a blanket or sheet under it?

Yes, it's easier to ...

Have you ever actually seen anyone slip on a banana skin?

Yes, I've actually seen ...

~ No, I've never actually seen ...

onomatopoeia

crash

crush

splash

There are many words in English that give us an idea of their meaning by their sound. This connection between sound and meaning is known as onomatopoeia. Three examples of this are the verbs "crash", "crush" and "splash".

What do we mean by onomatopoeia? By onomatopoeia,
we mean the connection between
the sound and the meaning of a word

Give me an example, please. The car crashed into the
traffic lights and broke them. He crushed the
piece of paper in his hand and threw it in the bin.

If you heard a crashing sound outside your house in the middle
of the night, would you get up and go out to see what had
happened? Yes, if I heard ..., I'd get up and ...
~ No, if I heard ..., I wouldn't get up and ...

What am I doing? You're crushing a piece of
paper in your hand

Do young children enjoy splashing each other in swimming
pools? Yes, young children ...

saucer **tablecloth**

What do we use a saucer for? We use a saucer to stand
a cup on in order to prevent any of the liquid
that might collect round the bottom of the cup
getting onto the table or tablecloth and leaving a mark



Students read Lesson 146 on page 823

file **known**

Do the police store files on known criminals to help them fight
crime? Yes, the police ...

Do you manage to keep all the files on your computer carefully
organized? Yes, I manage to keep ...
~ No, I don't manage to keep ...

fade

sunlight

What makes the colour in cloth fade?

Sunlight and washing
can make the colour in cloth fade

do up

undo

undone

zip

knot

Which are quicker to do up and undo: zips or buttons?

Zips are quicker ...

What happens to a knot if we don't tie it tightly enough?

If we don't tie ..., it will eventually come undone

Which verb do we use to describe the feeling that somebody wishes they could undo an action that they've done?

We use the verb "regret" to describe ...

regain

consciousness

When someone faints, how long does it usually take for them to regain consciousness?

When someone faints,
it usually takes about ...

consume

Why do some people buy big cars despite the fact that they consume enormous amounts of petrol?

Some people buy ...

applaud

applause

clap

What am I doing?

You're clapping your hands
together in applause for something

What does an audience do when applauding a singer or an actor on stage?

An audience claps and sometimes cheers when ...

blade

shoulder blade

Give me some examples of different kinds of blade, please.

The blade of a knife, sword or razor;
a blade of grass; a shoulder blade; the blade of an oar

cork

corkscrew

remove

What's a cork made of, and what do we use it for?

A cork is made of cork,
and we use it to put into the neck of a bottle
in order to stop the liquid in the bottle escaping

What do we use to remove a cork from a bottle?

We use a corkscrew to remove ...

drive

staff

rude

If the staff in a shop were constantly rude to their customers, would it drive the customers away from the shop?

Yes, if the staff ..., it'd drive ...

Are most trains in this country driven by electricity?

Yes, most trains ...

environment

What kind of things can we do in our everyday lives to care for the environment?

To care for the ..., we can
recycle, use less energy in the
home, avoid using cars too often etc.

Are you able to concentrate in noisy environments?

Yes, I'm able to ... ~ No, I'm not able to ...



Dictation 105

The moment the prisoner/ had climbed the high fence/ and escaped,/ he went to the place/ where he had been told/ a weapon of some kind/ had been buried for him./ The child got down on his knees/ to look at the poor dog's paw,/ which had a small nail caught in it./ It is a mystery/ why some people live a life of virtue/ whilst others live/ in exactly the opposite way./ From the carriage window,/ we had a clear view of the ancient town/ through the gap in the mountains./ Wandering around the village,/ we came across a funeral/ at the entrance of a small church./ He was completely out of breath/ and had to sit down.



Do Revision Exercise 69

LESSON 153

Comparatives: big and small differences

As we know, comparative forms are used to communicate that there is a difference between two people or things. For example, when we say to somebody "John is taller than David", they understand there is a difference in height. However, they do not know how big the difference is. If we want to communicate this information, we need to put other words before the comparative.

To communicate that the difference is very big, we can put words such as "much", "far" or "a lot" before the comparative, and say, for example, "John is far taller than David". To communicate that the difference is very small, we can use words such as "slightly", "a little" or "a bit", and say, for example, "John is slightly taller than David".

When we're using a comparative form, how can we communicate that the difference between two people or things is very big?

When we're using ..., we can ...
by putting words such as "much",
"far" or "a lot" before the comparative

Give me an example, please.

My new phone is a lot better
than my last one

And how can we communicate that the difference between two people or things is very small?

We can ... by using words
such as "slightly", "a little" or "a bit"

Give me an example, please.

The weather today is
slightly colder than yesterday

Is China slightly bigger than England?

No, China isn't ...;
it's far bigger than England

Are you a lot older than you were two weeks ago?

No, I'm not ...; I'm a little older ...

Is travelling by taxi much more expensive than travelling by bus? Yes, travelling ...

If a hairdresser cut your hair slightly shorter than you wanted, would you complain? Yes, if a hairdresser ..., I'd complain ~ No, if a hairdresser ..., I wouldn't complain

If we want to emphasize a superlative, we can use the words **"by far"**. For example, **"She is by far the tallest member of her family"**.

Is Russia by far the biggest country in Europe? Yes, Russia's by far ...

sorrow

tragedy

Do people feel great sorrow when a tragedy occurs? Yes, people feel ...

fond of

Are you fond of children? Yes, I'm fond of children ~ No, I'm not fond of children

Are you fond of travelling? Yes, I'm fond of travelling ~ No, I'm not fond of travelling

carpet

rug

mat

The difference between a carpet and a rug is that a carpet is large, usually covering the whole floor of a room, whereas a rug is smaller, and only covers part of the floor. A mat is something we put in front of a door for people to wipe their feet on before entering a house.

What's the difference between a carpet and a rug? The difference between a carpet and a rug is that ...

What's a mat?

A mat is something we put ...

ripe

unripe

overripe

sour

peel

What happens to milk if we leave it for too long before using it?

If we leave milk for too long before using it, it goes sour (or turns sour)

If an apple is unripe, how does it taste?

If an apple is unripe, it tastes sour

How can we tell if a banana is ripe or overripe without peeling it?

We can tell ... without peeling it by looking at the skin. The skin of a ripe banana is yellow with only a few dark spots, whereas the skin of an overripe banana is brown, or has many dark spots on it.



Students read Lesson 147 on page 829

appoint

position

Would you like to be appointed to a top government position?

Yes, I'd like to be ... ~ No, I wouldn't like to be ...

surf

Is it possible to go surfing if the sea is totally calm?

No, it isn't possible to...

If you were a company boss, would you allow your employees to use their work computers to surf the internet?

Yes, if I were ..., I'd allow ...
~ No, if I were ..., I wouldn't allow ...

deaf

Do people normally become a little deaf in their old age?

Yes, people normally ...

blame

In road accidents, who or what do you think is to blame more than anything else?

In road accidents, I think ...

court

rectangle

rectangular

net

Describe a tennis court, please.

A tennis court is a flat, rectangular piece of ground with white lines painted on it, and a net stretched across the middle from one side to the other

tame

What's the contrary of a wild animal?

The contrary of ...
is a tame animal

wax

What do we use for making candles?

We use wax for
making candles

bank

What do we call the sides of a river?

We call the sides of
a river the banks

at last

in the end

outcome

When we are talking about positive outcomes, we can use either "at last" or "in the end". For example, "At last, I managed to open the window", or "In the end, I managed to open the window". However, when we are talking about negative outcomes, we can only use "in the end", and not "at last". For example, "In the end, I didn't manage to open the window".

Can we use the expression "at last" for negative outcomes?

No, we can't use the expression
"at last" for negative outcomes

What do we use instead?

We use "in the end" instead

Make a sentence using the words "at last", please.

After searching all day,
at last we found the keys

Make a sentence with the words "in the end".

We searched all day but, in the end,
we realized we were never going to find the keys

left

About how many pages of this book are there left for us to study?

There are about ... pages of this book left ...

spare

puncture

What would I mean if I said "He can't spare the money to buy himself a new suit"?

If you said ..., you'd mean
that he has some money, but needs to use it for other
things and has none available to buy himself a new suit

What do you do in your spare time?

I ... in my spare time

Why do we carry a spare wheel in a car?

We carry ...
so that, if we get a puncture,
we can change the wheel immediately

What do we mean by a spare room in a house?

By a spare ..., we mean an extra
room which we keep empty for guests



Dictation 106

Although it was freezing cold/ outside the hut,/ inside we were all sweating with the heat./ We found that we could grind the corn/ with reasonable ease/ between two stones/ and produce enough flour/ for several loaves of bread/ which, when they had been baked,/ we piled neatly one on top of the other./ It was clear that they were rivals/ for one could see that,/ beneath their politeness to each other,/ they suffered from a bitter jealousy/ and envy./ I was given my pint of beer/ in a thick glass,/ which felt as heavy as lead/ and had a large handle./ The path turned at an angle/ of ninety degrees/ and passed between rows of flowers/ which gave off a strong scent.

LESSON 154

equipment

What equipment would you need if you wanted to paint your bedroom a different colour?

The equipment I'd need if I ...
would be brushes, paint, a ladder etc.

motion

Can the motion of a car or boat make people, especially children, feel sick?

Yes, the motion of ...

fool

What does someone mean if they say "I feel such a fool!"?

If someone says "I feel such a fool!",
they mean that they feel like an idiot
because they have done something stupid

Have you ever been fooled by anyone?

Yes, I've been fooled
by someone ~ No, I've never been fooled by anyone

owing to

Give me an example of "owing to", please.

Owing to the
lack of ticket sales, the concert has been cancelled

spill – spilt – spilt (or spill – spilled – spilled)

What happens when we pour too much water into a glass?

When we pour too ..., some of
the water spills over the edge of the glass

What does it mean: “There’s no use crying over spilt milk”?

“There’s no use ...” means that there’s
no point getting upset when something goes wrong
if we cannot do anything to change what has happened

former latter the former ... the latter

When a person leaves a job, is it quite common for them to
stay in contact with their former colleagues?

Yes, when
a person ..., it’s quite common ...

When we say “Paris and Rome are capital cities; the former is in France, whereas the latter is in Italy”, we mean that the first mentioned is in France, whereas the second mentioned is in Italy.

What do we mean when we say “Beethoven and Tolstoy were both great men; the former was German, whereas the latter was Russian”?

When we say “Beethoven ...”,
we mean the first mentioned was German,
whereas the second mentioned was Russian

arise back out back up

When an argument arises, do you agree it’s sometimes better
to back out of it before it gets too heated?

Yes, when an ...,
I agree it’s ... ~ No, when an ..., I don’t agree it’s ...

Why is it important to back up files on a computer?

It’s important ... so that the files are
not lost if the computer stops working

Have you ever backed up a friend in an argument even though you knew they were wrong?

Yes, I've backed up ...
even though ... ~ No, I've never backed up ... when ...

movement

Does an artist's model have to stay in one position for a long period without making any movements?

Yes, an artist's
model has to ...

sneeze

bless

bless you

What do we say when someone sneezes?

We say
"Bless you!" when someone sneezes

Which would you rather be blessed with: health or wealth?

I'd rather be blessed with ...

depart

departure

At a train station, how can we check what time a train is due to depart, and which platform it will depart from?

At a train station, we can ...
by looking at the departure board

At an airport, how long before departure are people advised to check in?

At an airport, people are
advised ... before departure

crack

workmanship

What'd happen if I bit hard on my pen (or pencil)?

If you bit ..., you'd crack it

What can cause cracks in walls and ceilings?

Age, dampness, dryness or bad workmanship can cause cracks in walls and ceilings



Students read Lesson 148 on page 835

spin – spun – spun

spin drier

What does the verb “to spin” mean?

The verb “to spin” means to turn round and round very quickly, or make something turn round and round very quickly

What are the three forms of “spin”?

The three forms of “spin” are “spin, spun, spun”

What’s a spin drier?

A spin drier is a machine that dries clothes by spinning them round very quickly

slim

Do you think most people join gyms mainly because they want to become slimmer rather than because they want to get fit?

Yes, I think ... ~ No, I don’t think ...

role

If you were an actor (or actress), what kind of role would you like to play in a film?

If I were ..., I’d like to play the role of ...

replace

Do you think computers will ever replace school teachers in the classroom?

Yes, I think ... ~ No, I don’t think ...

Is it always necessary to book a table before going to a restaurant?

No, it isn't always ...

Do famous actors, singers or entertainers normally make their own arrangements with the venues where they're booked to perform?

No, famous ... don't normally ...;
they've nearly always got managers
who make their arrangements for them

anyway

The word "anyway" can be used in three common ways:

- 1) With the meaning of "despite that"; for example, "I couldn't stand her but I had to invite her to the party anyway".
- 2) In order to give another reason for something; for example, "That phone is slightly too big for me, and anyway, it's much too expensive".
- 3) In order to change the subject of a conversation, or return to a subject that we were talking about previously; for example, "So anyway, as I was saying, we need to start planning our holiday".

Give me an example of "anyway" with the meaning of "despite that".

His English is very good indeed,
but he wants to do lessons anyway

Give me an example of "anyway" used in order to give another reason for something.

I think they're too young to
get married, and I'm not even sure
they really love each other anyway

Give me an example of “anyway” used in order to change the subject of a conversation, or return to a subject that was being talked about previously.

So, anyway, after the film,
we decided to go to a club

warmth

What’s the noun of the adjective “warm”?

The noun of ... is
“warmth”

muddy

Should we always remove muddy shoes before entering a house?

Yes, we should always ...

meanwhile

Make a sentence with the word “meanwhile”, please.

Chris was doing his homework and, meanwhile,
the other children were playing football in the garden



LESSON 155

peck

beak

What do we mean when we say that a chicken **pecks** the ground?

When we say that ..., we mean that it picks up food from the ground with its **beak**

block

clay

What do we call the blocks of hard **clay** that are commonly used to make buildings?

We call ... bricks

What else can we make from **clay**?

We can make plates, cups etc. from **clay**

Why do the police sometimes **block** a road?

The police sometimes block a road because ...

cream

fatty

What is **cream** and where does it come from?

Cream is the fatty part of milk, or anything which looks or feels similar to it

Do you believe it's worth spending money on expensive face creams?

Yes, I believe ... ~ No, I don't believe ...

spring – sprang – sprung

spring

Do you **spring** out of bed in the morning?

Yes, I **spring** ... ~
No, I don't **spring** ...

What are the three forms of "spring"? The three forms of "spring" are "spring, sprang, sprung"

Can you feel the springs inside the mattress on your bed? Yes, I can feel ... ~ No, I can't feel ...

curious

investigate

Are cats well known for having a curious nature? Yes, cats are ...

If you heard a curious noise outside your room in the middle of the night, would you stay in bed or go and investigate? If I heard ..., I'd ...

What do we call a police officer who investigates crimes? We call ... a detective

keen

Are you keen on sport? Yes, I'm keen on sport
~ No, I'm not keen on sport

Are young children nearly always keen to learn new things? Yes, young children are ...

article

journalist

About how many extra articles of clothing would you say the average person wore on a cold winter's day? I'd say the average person wore ...

What kind of people write articles in newspapers? The kind of people who ... are professional writers, or people who have special knowledge of particular subjects

If you worked as a journalist, what kind of articles would you like to write? If I worked ..., I'd like ...

bold

courageous

What do we mean when we say that someone behaves boldly?

When we say ..., we mean that they behave courageously, or confidently and without fear

Do you think clothes in bold colours suit you? Yes, I think ...
~ No, I don't think ...

Why do we sometimes type a word in a document in bold?

We sometimes ... so that the word is more noticeable on the page

strike – struck – struck

striking

survive

Strike your pen sharply on the edge of the table.

What am I doing? You're striking your pen on the table

If you were struck by lightning and survived, would the experience change the way you felt about your life?

Yes, if I were ..., the experience would ...
~ No, if I were ..., the experience wouldn't ...

If you were on your way to a friend's birthday party and it suddenly struck you that you'd forgotten their present, would you go back and get it or would you just go without it?

If I were ... and it suddenly struck me that ..., I'd ...

If we describe a building as striking, what do we mean?

If we ..., we mean that it is interesting and attracts our attention because it looks different from other buildings



Students read Lesson 149 on page 841

shoplift

imprison

Do you think that people who shoplift should be imprisoned?

Yes, I think ... ~ No, I don't think ...

remedy

cure

A remedy is a medical treatment that is designed to make you feel better when you're ill, whereas a cure is a treatment that makes the illness itself disappear.

Is there a cure for the common cold?

No, there isn't ...

Do you usually take a cold remedy to make you feel better when you have a cold?

Yes, I usually ... ~ No, I don't usually ...

aircraft

helicopter

What types of aircraft take off vertically?

Helicopters and certain special aeroplanes take off vertically

stain

woodwork

ink

Why do some people prefer to stain woodwork rather than paint it?

Some people ... because the woodwork looks more natural if it is stained

If you discovered an ink stain on an article of clothing, how would you try to remove it?

If I discovered ..., I'd try to ... by ...

creep – crept – crept

The word “creep” means either to move forwards very slowly, or to move slowly and quietly so that nobody hears you.

What does the word “creep” mean?

The word “creep” means ...

Give me an example of each, please.

- 1) The traffic was creeping along very slowly, owing to the fact that several roads had been blocked by the police.
- 2) Elizabeth crept into the room so as not to wake the baby.

passage

extract

The word “passage” can mean a long, narrow space, generally between two buildings, or inside a building, like a corridor. It can also mean a short extract from a speech or a piece of writing.

What does the word “passage” mean?

The word “passage”
... a long, narrow space ...
It can also mean a short extract from ...

steer

steering wheel

What am I pretending to do?

You’re pretending to steer a car

And what do we call the thing I’m pretending to hold?

We call ... a steering wheel

aside

The word “aside” means “on one side” or “to one side”.

What does the word “aside” mean?

The word ...
“on one side” or “to one side”

Do you put money aside each month to save for any special purpose?

Yes, I put money aside ...

~ No, I don't put money aside ...

During an evening out with friends, would you have to take somebody aside from the rest of the group if you wanted to speak to them in private?

Yes, during ...

I'd have to ... if I wanted ...



Dictation 107

If you begin to make/ too many enquiries,/ it could be rather risky/ and lead to trouble./ We managed to unscrew/ the lid of the box/ with the point of a knife,/ and, instead of the money/ we had expected to find inside,/ found only a heap of old documents./ On receipt of the information/ given to us by an eyewitness,/ we immediately contacted the police./ Having scraped away all the dirt/ that had collected on the bicycle,/ you can clearly see/ that it is still in excellent condition./ I scratched the back of my head,/ and realized that some kind of trick/ must have been employed/ in order to obtain the licence.

LESSON 156

obey

disobey

Do naughty children at primary school always obey instructions that their teachers give them?

No, naughty children at primary school don't ...; they sometimes disobey them

stick – stuck – stuck

pin

drawing pin

opposition

What do we have to stick on an envelope before we can post it ?

We have to stick a stamp on an envelope ...

What do tailors use to fasten pieces of cloth together while they're sewing?

Tailors use pins to fasten ...

How do we stick notices on a noticeboard?

We stick ...
by using a drawing pin

What are the three forms of "stick"?

The three forms of "stick" are "stick, stuck, stuck"

What do we mean when we say that somebody sticks to a plan?

When we say ..., we mean that they refuse to change their plan even when the situation is difficult or there is opposition to their ideas

border

Are the police allowed to follow a criminal across the borders of their own country into another country? No, the police aren't ...

Which countries does your country share a border with? My country shares a border with ...
~ My country doesn't share a border with any country

What do we generally find along the borders of a field? We generally find a hedge or a fence along ...

pattern

Do you prefer plain clothes or clothes with a pattern on them? I prefer ...

Who do you think should be more responsible for setting the correct pattern of behaviour for children: parents or teachers? I think ... should be more ...

financial

Do some people get into financial difficulties through spending too much on their credit cards? Yes, some people get into ...

weave – wove – woven

What am I doing? You're weaving the first finger of your right hand over and under the fingers of your left hand

What are the three forms of "weave"? The three forms of "weave" are "weave, wove, woven"

What kind of things can we make by weaving? We can
make cloth, baskets etc. by weaving

ruin

tourism

Are there any parts of your country that have been ruined by tourism? Yes, there are ... ~ No, there aren't ...

Are there any old ruins in your home town? Yes, there are ...
~ No, there aren't ...

What are they? They're the ruins of ...

whisper

What am I doing? You're whispering

Why do people whisper? People whisper because
they don't want others to hear what they're saying

lamp

How do you prefer to see a living room lit: with overhead lights or with lamps? I prefer to see ...

garage

Do most people in this area keep their cars in garages or leave them in the street? Most people in this area ...



Students read Lesson 150 on page 847

stiff

muscle

If you suddenly do a lot of physical exercise after a long period of not having done any exercise at all, do your muscles feel stiff the next day?

Yes, if I suddenly ..., my muscles ...

cardboard

What is a cereal box usually made of?

A cereal box is usually made of cardboard

astonish

Would you be astonished if one of your family members walked into the room right now?

Yes, I'd be ...

~ No, I wouldn't be ...

refusal

What's the noun of the verb "to refuse"?

The noun ... is "refusal"

Give me an example, please.

Her refusal to listen to other people's opinions means that she will never be a good manager

bound

out of bounds

boundary

Is England bounded on all sides by the sea?

No, England isn't ...; it shares borders with Scotland and Wales

What does a sign on a door saying "Out of bounds" mean?

A sign ... means that nobody is allowed to enter the area beyond the door

How does one generally mark the boundary of one's property?
One generally marks ... with a wall, fence, hedge etc.

bee **wasp** **sting – stung – stung**

sensation **slap**

What's a wasp likely to do if it lands on you while you're sunbathing and you disturb it?
If a wasp lands on you while ..., it's likely to sting you

Which do you think it's more painful to be stung by: a bee or a wasp?
I think it's more ...

From what else do we get a stinging sensation?
We get a stinging sensation when we are slapped by someone, when we clean a wound etc.

curl

What do we call a piece of hair that forms the shape of a ring?
We call a piece of hair that ... a curl

Does smoke curl upwards when there's a strong wind?
No, smoke doesn't ...; it gets blown away

Why do cats and dogs often curl up when they sleep?
Cats and dogs ... because it prevents the heat from their bodies from escaping

paste **toothpaste**

A paste is a mixture made from a powder and a liquid. We use toothpaste to brush our teeth.

What's a paste?

A paste is a mixture ...

When you go to stay at someone else's house, do you take your own toothpaste with you, or do you ask to use their toothpaste?

When I go ..., I ...

creative

novel

Does one have to have a creative imagination to write a novel?

Yes, one has to have ...

store

variety

tinned food

A store is a shop which sells a variety of different goods. It can either be a very large shop in the city, which sells food, clothes, furniture and almost anything you can think of, or it can be a shop in a village that sells many different products that the people in the village might need.

What's a store?

A store is a shop which sells a variety of different goods. It can either ...

The verb "to store" means to collect and keep for future use, and the noun "store" means a collection of something for future use.

Should wine be stored in a warm or cool environment?

Wine should ... cool environment

Do you keep a store of tinned food at home?

Yes, I keep a ... ~
No, I don't keep a ...



Dictation 108

The doctor gave Edward some liquid/ to bathe his eyelids with./ The river descended slowly/ through the chalk valley/ and only began to speed up/ when joined by a second river./ The boy had cut/ a branch off the young tree/ with his knife,/ which had an edge on it/ like a razor,/ and was using it as a fishing rod./ I was urged to try/ to get on the town council/ by my friends,/ but it would have been/ too much of a nuisance/ for me to attend the meetings./ He cheated and deceived/ almost everyone he met,/ but no official complaints/ were ever made against him./ A warning of danger is of no value at all/ if it arrives too late.



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LESSON 157

toy

What was your favourite toy when you were a child?

My favourite ... was ...

attempt

mountaineer

If you attempted to learn another language at the same time as English, do you think you'd get confused?

Yes, if I

attempted ..., I think I'd ...

~ No, if I attempted ..., I don't think I'd ...

Was Mount Everest conquered at the first attempt?

No, Mount Everest wasn't ...;

many mountaineers attempted to climb it before it was finally conquered

bow /bəʊ/

bow /bau/

bow tie

rainbow

Do men sometimes have to wear bow ties on very formal occasions?

Yes, men sometimes have to ...

What two things do we need for a rainbow to appear?

We need sunshine and drops of water in the atmosphere for a rainbow to appear

Name a country where it's common to bow when you're introduced to someone in a formal situation.

... is a country where ...

stove

run on

A stove can either be used for heating or for cooking, and can run on gas, electricity, wood etc.

What can we use a stove for, and what can it run on?

We can use ... and it can run on ...

cupboard

What kind of things do people keep in their kitchen cupboards?

People keep food, plates, cups, glasses etc. in their kitchen cupboards

current

Who is the current leader of the government in this country?

The current leader ...

awkward

Is it quite normal to feel awkward during job interviews?

Yes, it's quite ...

Do you find some corkscrews awkward to use?

Yes, I

find ... ~ No, I don't find ...

What has been the most awkward moment of your life; that is, the most embarrassing moment?

The most awkward ... was ...

well

What do we call a hole in the ground from which we get water?

We call a hole in ... a well

fan

What am I doing?

You're fanning yourself with your book

Is there an electric fan in this room?

Yes, there's ... ~ No,
there isn't ...

Are you a fan of any football club?

Yes, I'm a fan ... ~ No,
I'm not a fan ...

goat

horn

rocky

hillside

Tell me something about goats, please.

Goats have two
horns and a beard, they give milk, they
often live on mountains or rocky hillsides etc.

pinch

What am I doing?

You're pinching your arm

What does it mean in a recipe when it says "add a pinch of salt"?

When it says "add ..."
in a recipe, it means that you should
add a small amount of salt, the amount
you can hold between your finger and thumb

propose

If we put a gerund after the verb "propose", it means "suggest"; if we put an infinitive after it, it means "intend". For example, "I propose going" means the same as "I suggest that we go", whereas "I propose to go" means "I intend to go".

What's the difference between "I propose going" and "I propose to go"?

The difference ...
is that "I propose going" means
the same as "I suggest that we go",
whereas "I propose to go" means "I intend to go"

Give me an example of "propose" followed by a gerund,
please.

Charles proposed moving the
staff to a larger office, but the idea
was not popular with the other managers

Give me an example of "propose" followed by an infinitive,
please.

When I finish this job, I propose to take a long holiday



Students read Lesson 151 on page 853

total

billion

What's the total population of the world?

The total ... about
... billion

swing – swung – swung

to and fro

What am I doing?

You're swinging your pen to and fro,
holding it between your finger and thumb

What's my pen doing?

Your pen's swinging to and fro

funny

Apart from meaning "amusing", the word "funny" can also mean "strange". For
example, "It's funny that Richard hasn't contacted us recently; I wonder if he's OK".

Give me an example of the word “funny” with the meaning of “strange”, please.

When I arrived in the village,
I had a funny feeling I’d been there before

crossword

jigsaw

puzzle

Where do we often see crossword puzzles printed?

We often ... in newspapers

If you wanted to do a 500-piece jigsaw puzzle, would you need a big table to spread out all the pieces on?

Yes, if I wanted to ..., I’d need ...
~ No, if I wanted to ..., I wouldn’t need ...

accompany

Do very young children have to be accompanied by an adult when they fly on an aeroplane?

Yes, very young
children have to ...

swear

Before giving evidence in a court of law, does a witness have to swear to tell the truth?

Yes, before giving ...,
a witness has to ...

strip

stripe

undress

What’s another word for “undress”?

Another word
... is “strip”

Fold a page of your book, and ask

What am I about to do?

You’re about to tear a
strip of paper out of your book

Do you think clothes with vertical stripes make people look slimmer?

Yes, I think ... ~ No, I don't think ...

balloon

burst

burst into tears

What am I pretending to do?

You're pretending to
blow up a balloon and burst it

What does the expression "burst into tears" mean?

The expression "burst ..."
means to start crying suddenly

Give me an example, please.

The little boy burst into tears
when he realized his toy was broken

swell – swelled – swelled (or swell – swelled – swollen)

swelling

What usually happens to that area of the body where a bee or some other insect has stung us?

That area of the body
where ... usually swells up (or becomes swollen)

What do we do with the swelling?

We either do nothing
and wait for it to go away by itself, or we
put something on it, like a cream or something

What are the three forms of "swell"?

The three forms of "swell"
are "swell, swelled, swelled"
(or "swell, swelled, swollen")

What happens when a river swells and bursts its banks?

When a river ..., the
surrounding land becomes flooded

LESSON 158

Mixed conditionals

Sometimes, we need to mix the 2nd conditional and 3rd conditional structures. If, for example, we imagine a situation in the past and then imagine the consequence of that in the present, we use the following structure:

"If" + past perfect + "would do/would be doing"

If I had gone to bed earlier yesterday, I would feel better now

If, on the other hand, we imagine a situation in the present and then imagine the consequence of that in the past, we use the following structure:

"If" + past + "would have done"

If my job wasn't so demanding, I would have come to your birthday dinner last week

Give me an example of a mixed conditional where we imagine a situation in the past and then imagine the consequence of that in the present, please.

If Susan had studied harder when she was at school, she probably wouldn't be unemployed now

Give me an example of a mixed conditional where we imagine a situation in the present and then imagine the consequence of that in the past, please.

If you weren't his brother,
he would have been far angrier
with you for taking his car last night

awful

mood

Name a film you think is truly awful. I think ... is truly awful

When you're in an awful mood, are you sometimes able to hide it so that other people don't notice?

Yes, when
I'm ..., I'm sometimes ...
~ No, when I'm ..., I'm never ...

frame

frame of mind

What do we call the wooden or metal border round a picture or window? We call the wooden ... a frame

What are bed frames usually made of? Bed frames ...
wood or metal

What frame of mind do you usually feel in when you go to work (or to school)? I usually feel in a
... frame of mind when ...

lump

Do you prefer soup with lumps of meat and vegetables in it, or do you prefer plain soup? I prefer ...

train

How long does it take to train a doctor?

It takes about ...
years to train a doctor

clerk

clerical

What do we mean by a clerk?

By a clerk, we usually mean a
person who does written work in an office

Is clerical work generally well paid?

No, clerical work isn't ...

hook

Are there any hooks for hanging coats on in this room?

Yes, there are some ... ~ No, there aren't any ...

resign

Why might a person decide to resign from their job?

A person might ... because they've found
a better job, they don't like their job etc.

tremble

shiver

What's my hand doing?

Your hand's trembling

Which verb do we normally use to describe the action of
trembling because it's very cold?

We normally use
the verb "shiver" to describe ...

ditch

excess

Why do they often put a ditch round a field?

They often
put a ... to allow the excess
water to flow away from the field

pie

pastry

What do we use to make a pie?

We use pastry, and some meat
and vegetables, or fruit, to make a pie

strict

If a parent or teacher is strict, it means that they make sure that their children or pupils
behave well and do not break rules.

Are children less likely to disobey a teacher if the teacher is
strict?

Yes, children are less likely to ...

Another meaning of the word "strict" is "exact".

What's another meaning of the word "strict"?

Another
meaning ... is "exact"

Give me an example, please.

What he said was not strictly true



Students read Lesson 152 on page 860

revenge

repay

wrong

satisfying

What do we mean by the expression "revenge is sweet"?

By the expression ..., we mean that,
when we have been wronged by somebody, it is
satisfying to repay the wrong by getting our revenge on them

dive

advisable

Is it advisable to dive into shallow water?

No, it isn't
advisable to ...

Why not?

Because you might hit your head on the bottom

Do divers sometimes find lost treasure in old shipwrecks?

Yes, divers ...

promote

promotion

income

When someone is promoted at work, is the promotion almost
always accompanied by a rise in income?

Yes, when a
person ..., the promotion is ...

network

log on (in)

password

Does one usually need to enter a password to log on to a
wireless network?

Yes, one usually needs ...

Which do you think would help your country more: developing
the rail network or developing the road network?

I think developing ... would ...

committee

parliamentary

A committee is a group of people appointed to deal with a particular matter. Usually
this group is part of a larger organization. For example, we have university committees,
trade union committees, parliamentary committees, and so on.

What's a committee?

A committee is a group of ...

Do you think committees are usually able to make better decisions than individuals?

Yes, I think ... ~ No, I don't think ...

cough

What am I doing?

You're coughing

reward

How can certain animals like dogs and horses be trained to behave in a particular way and do tricks?

Certain animals ...
by giving the animal a reward
each time it behaves in the correct way

twist

Have you ever twisted an ankle?

Yes, I've twisted an ankle
~ No, I've never twisted an ankle

to one's taste

In a restaurant, if the food has been cooked well but is simply not to your taste, do you call the waiter and complain, or do you just eat what you've been given?

In a restaurant,
if the food ..., I ...

coward

What's the opposite of a brave or courageous person?

The opposite of ... a coward

rust

What happens to iron when it is left in a damp atmosphere?

When iron is left ..., it rusts

stroke

Why would a stroke from an axe cut deeper into a block of wood than a stroke from a sword?

A stroke from an axe ...

because an axe is much heavier than a sword

How many strokes of the pen does it take to form the capital letter N?

It takes three ...

Do cats enjoy being stroked?

Yes, cats ...



Dictation 109

The girl's eyebrows and eyelashes/ were very dark,/ whereas her hair was fair./
The ship had been wrecked/ near the coast of the island,/ and they managed to
walk/ all the way to the shore/ in the pale light of the moon,/ as the water was
only waist deep./ If the bird settled on her shoulder,/ I'd be able to see/ its bright
blue feathers./ You should behave with more caution/ if you ever come across/
that teacher again;/ he appears to hand out punishment/ more freely than the
others./ The mere title of the film/ was frightening enough./ The monkey was
clearly hungry/ and in a temper,/ and tore at the bunch of bananas.



Do Revision Exercise 72

LESSON 159

It's two weeks since ...

The sentence "It's two weeks since I watched TV" means that I have not watched TV in the last two weeks; the last time I watched TV was two weeks ago. The structure is "It's" + time period + "since" + past tense.

Give me an example of the structure "It's" + time period + "since" + past tense, please.

It's six months since
she gave up smoking

Now, I will name an activity, and I want you to tell me how long it is since you last did it.

Swim in the sea

It's ... since I swam ...

Clean your room

It's ... since I cleaned ...

Do physical exercise

It's ... since I did ...

Lose your temper

It's ... since I lost ...

Cook a meal for other people

It's ... since I cooked ...

Fly to another country

It's ... since I flew ...

roar

What kind of noise does a lion make?

A lion makes a
roaring noise

slope

steep

brake

Would a car stand still on a slight slope without its brakes on?

No, a car wouldn't stand still ...

What would happen to it?

It would begin to roll slowly
down the slope

And if the slope was very steep, what would happen?

If the slope was ..., the car would gather
speed and eventually crash into something

soil

Is the soil deep on the side of a mountain?

No, the soil isn't
...; it's shallow (or thin)

Why?

Because a lot of it gets washed away by rain water

shield

In the past, what did a soldier carry to protect himself against
enemy swords?

In the past, a soldier carried a shield ...

bleed – bled – bled

plaster

What are the three forms of "bleed"?

The three forms of
"bleed" are "bleed, bled, bled"

When you cut yourself, what do you put over the cut to stop it
bleeding?

When I ..., I put a plaster ... to stop it bleeding

spit – spat – spat

Is it forbidden to spit in the streets in this country?

Yes, it's forbidden ...
~ No, it isn't forbidden ...

What are the three forms of "spit"?

The three forms of
"spit" are "spit, spat, spat"

comb

How often do you comb your hair?

I comb my hair about ...

rubber

tyre

What do we use rubber for?

We use rubber for making
car or bicycle tyres etc.



Students read Lesson 153 on page 866

ribbon

tie up

What can we use a ribbon for?

We can use a ribbon for
tying up presents, and a small
girl might wear a ribbon in her hair

stuff

manufacture

The word "stuff" is similar in meaning to the word "thing". The difference is that "thing" is a countable noun, whereas "stuff" is an uncountable noun. For example, instead of saying "What are all these things on the table?", we could say "What is all this stuff on the table?".

What's the difference between the word "thing" and the word "stuff"?

The difference ... is that "thing" is a countable noun, whereas "stuff" is an uncountable noun

Give me an example of the word "stuff", please.

I need to pack all my stuff for the holiday. We talked about lots of interesting stuff during the train journey.

Have you got lots of stuff to do tomorrow?

Yes, I've got ... ~
No, I haven't got ...

What kind of stuff does your country manufacture?

My country ...

When you go to a restaurant, what type of stuff do you like to eat?

When I go ..., I like to eat...

What kind of stuff do you enjoy doing at the weekends?

At the weekends, I enjoy ...

hob

grill

oven

What do we call the three main parts of a cooker?

We call ... the hob, the grill and the oven

And which part would you use to roast a chicken?

I'd use the oven to roast a chicken

trunk

What do we call the main part of the body, not including the head, arms or legs?

We call the main ... the trunk

Consequently, what is a tree trunk?

A tree trunk is the main part or body of a tree

What do we mean by a trunk used for travelling?

By a trunk ..., we mean a large strong box, bigger than a suitcase, that we use for transporting our belongings from one place to another

What do we call an elephant's nose?

We call ... a trunk

shell

outer

What do we call the outer covering of an egg or a nut?

We call the outer ... the shell

shy

mature

diminish

Were you shy with adults as a child?

Yes, I was ...
~ No, I wasn't ...

Would you agree that, in general, a person's shyness diminishes as they become more mature?

Yes, I'd agree ...
~ No, I wouldn't agree ...

sow – sowed – sowed (or sow – sowed – sown)

Do most modern farms use machines to sow seeds in the land?

Yes, most modern farms ...

What are the three forms of "sow"?

The three forms of "sow" are "sow, sowed, sowed" (or "sow, sowed, sown")

wrap

wrap up

sticky tape

string

What do we use to wrap up a parcel?

We use cardboard, paper, sticky tape, string etc. to wrap up a parcel

Should we wrap up well when we go out in cold weather?

Yes, we should wrap up ...

bribe

If you were in an important position in the government, would you accept bribes?

Yes, if I were in ..., I'd ...

~ No, if I were in ..., I wouldn't ...

department

If you were a sales assistant in a large department store, which department would you most enjoy working in?

If I were ..., I'd most enjoy
working in the ... department

threaten

threat

What am I doing?

You're threatening to hit
somebody with your hand

If a robber threatened you with a knife or a gun, what would you do?

If a robber ..., I'd ...

Is a threat to commit murder considered a serious crime in many countries even if the murder never actually takes place?

Yes, a threat ... is considered ... even if ...



The queue was so long/ that it disappeared/ around the curve in the road./ It's rare for a film to be enjoyed/ by all types of people./ This knife is sharp enough/ to cut the raw meat./ We were relieved to find our baggage./ George touched the light switch/ and got a shock/ from the electric current./ The racecourse was closed/ for a whole season./ When this ladder is fully extended,/ we'll be able to lean it/ against that wooden beam/ running across the ceiling./ A piece of straw/ is actually the stem of a wheat plant./ If you give me a needle and thread,/ I will sew up the hole/ in your shirt./ It took several weeks/ for the wound to heal./ As the sun began to set,/ the shadows grew longer.

LESSON 160

Communicating general beliefs and opinions

It is known that dogs are clever

Dogs are known to be clever

Instead of saying "People in general know that dogs are clever", we can say "It is known that dogs are clever" or "Dogs are known to be clever". We can use both these structures with several verbs, such as "say", "believe", "think", "know", "feel", "consider" etc.

What can we say instead of the sentence "People in general know that dogs are clever"?

Instead of ..., we can say
"It is known that dogs are clever"
or "Dogs are known to be clever"

What can we say instead of "People say that the President speaks seven languages"?

Instead of ..., we can say
"It is said that the President speaks seven languages"
or "The President is said to speak seven languages"

Finish this sentence, please: "It is believed ..."

It is believed
that life on Earth began almost four billion years ago

Finish this sentence, please: "My country is considered ..."

My country is considered to be
a good place to go for a holiday

chest

drawer

chest of drawers

wardrobe

Where are the heart and lungs situated in the body?

The heart and lungs are situated in the chest

A chest is also a large, strong box, usually made of wood, which we use for storing things in, such as clothes, tools, medicine, money etc.

What's another meaning of the word "chest"? Another meaning of ...

A chest of drawers is a chest with drawers in it. We usually keep clothes in it. A wardrobe is a tall piece of furniture that we hang big pieces of clothing in, like dresses, suits etc.

Do you prefer to fold your T-shirts and keep them in a chest of drawers, or hang them in a wardrobe? I prefer to ...

stock in stock out of stock exceptionally

What do we call a large shop that stocks a wide variety of different types of products? We call ... a department store

When a person of average size goes shopping, are they more likely to find clothes their size in stock than an exceptionally big or small person? Yes, when a person of ..., they're more likely to ...

What's the opposite of "in stock"? The opposite ...
"out of stock"

What's the stock cure for a headache? The stock cure for a headache is to take a painkiller and try to relax

copper

Which metals are most commonly used to make electrical wires? Copper and aluminium are ...

What colour is copper? Copper is a reddish-brown colour

spade

What do we use a spade for?

We use a spade for digging
holes in the earth

resort

Do you enjoy staying in big resorts when you go on holiday?

Yes, I enjoy ... ~ No, I don't enjoy ...

Why or why not?

brass

What kinds of things are often made of brass?

Door handles, locks, keys,
and musical instruments are ...

examine

If you went to the doctor complaining of a cough, which part
of your body would the doctor examine?

If I went ...,
the doctor would examine my throat and chest

bucket

If you saw a child walking towards a beach with a bucket and
spade in their hand, what would you think they were going to
do?

If I saw ..., I'd think they
were going to build a sandcastle

mechanic

mechanical

What kind of work does a mechanic do?

A mechanic repairs cars and other machines

What do we mean when we say that somebody does something in a mechanical manner?

When we say ..., we mean that they do it like a machine; in other words, without thinking about, or needing to think about, what they're doing



Students read Lesson 154 on page 872

shelter

What's a bus shelter?

A bus shelter is a small construction which shelters us from the wind and rain while we are waiting for a bus

avenue

An avenue is a road with trees on either side, or it can be a wide street (with or without trees) with buildings on either side.

What's an avenue?

An avenue is a ...

breadth

What's the noun of the adjective "broad"?

The noun of ... is "breadth"

bundle

A bundle is a number of articles or objects fastened together. For example, a bundle of sticks, or a bundle of clothes.

What's a bundle?

A bundle is a ...

anyhow

The word "anyhow" means the same as "anyway", but it can also mean "carelessly" or "without thinking much". For example, "It doesn't matter how you do it; just do it anyhow".

When you pack a suitcase, do you put everything in just anyhow?

Yes, when I ..., I put ... ~ No, when I ..., I don't put ...; I pack it carefully

saw

A saw is a tool used for cutting (or sawing) wood, metal etc.

What's a saw?

A saw is a ...

honesty

dishonesty

What's the noun of the adjective "honest"?

The noun ... is "honesty"

What's the opposite of "honesty"?

The opposite ... is "dishonesty"

cottage

What is a cottage?

A cottage is generally thought of as a small house in the country

flavour

ice cream

What's your favourite flavour of ice cream?

My favourite ...
is ...

crown

What does a king or queen wear on their head for ceremonial occasions?

A king or queen wears a crown on ...

fur

Fur is the thick, soft hair that covers animals like cats and dogs.

What is fur?

Fur is the thick, soft hair ...

strap

wristwatch

Do you prefer wristwatches with leather straps or metal straps?

I prefer wristwatches ...

Why do people strap themselves into a car?

People strap ...
so that if there is an accident,
they will not be thrown about

cushion

Would you be more comfortable at the moment if your seat had a cushion on it?

Yes, I'd be ... ~ No, I wouldn't be ...

suck

Is it possible to whistle by sucking instead of blowing?

Yes, it's possible to ...

At about what age do children usually stop sucking their thumbs?

Children usually stop ... at about ...

extraordinary

Are the clothes that models wear at fashion shows often quite extraordinary?

Yes, the clothes that ...

fate

jury

Do you believe in fate?

Yes, I believe in fate ~ No, I don't believe in fate

Who is responsible for deciding the fate of a criminal in a law court?

The judge and jury are responsible for ...



Dictation 111

We sat on our caps/ on the slightly damp grass,/ in the shade of a tree,/ protected from the wind/ by a thick hedge./ Try to cheer up if you can,/ because nothing is ever as bad/ as it first seems./ When humans used to use/ bows and arrows for hunting,/ their aim needed to be excellent./ Sometimes I laugh so much/ that my jaw begins to ache./ No mice had been attracted/ by the food in the trap./ Remember not to load the gun/ until you need to use it./ Her failure in the exam/ was simply due to lack of effort./ Some horror films/ are designed to make people scream/ as often as possible./ The officer with the highest rank/ gave the command to attack.



Do Revision Exercise 73

LESSON 161

in the meantime

If you arrived at an airport and discovered that your flight was delayed for five hours, what would you do in the meantime?

If I arrived ... and ..., I'd ... in the meantime

percentage

per cent

What percentage of the population do you think smokes?

I think about ... per cent of ...

sweep – swept – swept broom

What do we sweep a floor with?

We sweep ... a broom

swallow

choke

What's the danger of letting babies suck small objects like coins and other bits of metal?

The danger of ... is that they might swallow them or choke on them

ounce (oz)

pound (lb)

stone (st)

ton

kilogram (kilo)

tons of

16 ounces = 1 pound

14 pounds = 1 stone

160 stones = 1 ton

How many ounces make a pound?	16 ounces make a pound
How many pounds make a stone?	14 pounds make a stone
How many stones make a ton?	160 stones make a ton
How many pounds are there in a kilo?	There are 2.2 pounds in a kilo
Would you be unhappy if you had a job that paid you tons of money?	No, I wouldn't ...

neglect	decay
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What happens if you neglect to clean your teeth each day?
 If you neglect ..., they will decay

rate

At what rate do you think the average person walks?
 I think the ... at about
 3 miles (about 5 kilometres) per hour

Why are the pay rates in certain professions very high?
 The pay rates in ... because the professions
 involve high levels of skill, risk, responsibility etc.

patience	patient	impatient
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Do you agree that patience is a virtue?
 Yes, I agree that ...
 ~ No, I don't agree that ...

Do you consider yourself a patient or impatient person?
 I consider myself ...

refresh

refreshment

How do you refresh yourself after a long and tiring day?

I refresh myself after ... by ...

Are there any refreshments available at this school?

Yes, there are some ... ~ No, there aren't any ...

pause

Do you like people who go on talking about themselves without a pause for hours and hours?

Yes, I like ...

~ No, I don't like ...

jewel

jewellery

Where are the Crown Jewels kept in London?

The Crown

Jewels are kept in the Tower of London

Do women often have a special box to keep their jewellery in?

Yes, women often have ...

delighted

delightful

Which would you be more delighted to win in a competition: a car or a trip around the world?

I'd be more delighted ...

If you spent a delightful time on holiday somewhere, would you consider going back to the same place the following year?

Yes, if I spent ..., I'd consider ...

~ No, even if I spent ..., I wouldn't consider ...

pressure

What kinds of things can cause high blood pressure?

The kinds of things that ...
are old age, smoking, eating too
much salt, drinking alcohol, lack of exercise etc.

absence

What does the expression "Absence makes the heart grow fonder" mean?

The expression
"Absence makes ..." means that we feel more
fond of someone if we don't see them for a long time

Do you think this is true?

Yes, I think ... ~ No, I don't think ...



Students read Lesson 155 on page 878

repetition

What's the noun of the verb "repeat"?

The noun ... is
"repetition"

Is repetition an important part of learning?

Yes,
repetition is ...

absolutely

Give me an example of the word "absolutely", please.

I'm absolutely fed up
with her dishonesty and laziness

spine

backbone

run

What do we call the bones that run down the middle of the back?

We call ... the spine or backbone

calculate

If I told you my height in feet and inches, would you be able to calculate it in metres and centimetres?

Yes, if you ...,

I'd be able to ... ~ No,

if you ..., I wouldn't be able to ...

What do we mean when we say someone is calculating?

When we say ..., we mean that they plan things very carefully in order to get what they want, without caring how other people might be affected

canal

man-made

shipping

What's the difference between a canal and a river?

The difference ... is that a canal is man-made, whereas a river is natural

Why was the Panama Canal built?

The Panama Canal was built so that shipping could pass between the Atlantic Ocean and the Pacific Ocean without having to go around the southern coast of South America

capital

What do we mean when we talk about capital for starting a business?

When we talk ..., we mean the money required at the beginning in order to rent a place (office, shop etc.), furnish it, pay for advertising etc.

imitate

grown-up

Why do children imitate their parents?

Children imitate ...

because it's a natural way of learning, and
children like to pretend that they too are grown-up

What do young children call adults?

Young children call
adults grown-ups

immense

Do you think it's right that certain people should be allowed to
possess immense personal wealth?

Yes, I think it's ...

~ No, I don't think it's ...

joy

What's the greatest joy of your daily life?

The greatest joy ...

qualify

How long does it take somebody to qualify as a doctor in your
country?

It takes somebody about ... years to ...

sacred

Which animal is sacred in India?

The cow is sacred in India

sacrifice

Why did people in the old days make sacrifices to the gods?

People in the ... to thank
them, or to make them happy

What's the biggest sacrifice you've ever made in your life?

The biggest sacrifice I've ... was ...

instant

Do you always answer emails (or letters) the instant you receive them?

Yes, I always answer ...

~ No, I don't always answer ...

In your opinion, does instant coffee taste as good as fresh coffee?

Yes, in my opinion, instant coffee tastes ...

~ No, in my opinion, instant coffee doesn't taste ...

ornament

purely

Do you believe that every piece of furniture in a house should have a use, or do you believe that certain pieces can be purely ornamental?

I believe that ...

purity

impurity

What's the noun of the adjective "pure"?

The noun ... is
"purity"

Are there too many impurities in the tap water in this area for it to be drunk safely?

Yes, there are ... ~ No, there aren't ...



As it was impossible/ to undo all the tight knots,/ we had to light a match/ and burn the coarse string/ to remove it from the parcel./ Jane earnestly regretted/ not having hired a car/ to do the Christmas shopping./ She had walked everywhere,/ and now her feet were sore/ where her new shoes/ had been rubbing./ When ice melts, we get water./ Beyond the town,/ they could see the house/ they had chosen to rent./ From that distance,/ it was just a small dot/ on the side of the mountain./ The bedroom is now totally bare/ except for the blue rug,/ which you are welcome to keep./ The surface of the water/ looked like a sheet of glass/ and the opposite bank/ was veiled in darkness.

LESSON 162

explore

universe

Do you believe that humans will be able to explore the whole of the universe one day?

Yes, I believe that ...

~ No, I don't believe that ...

accuse

What would you do if you were wrongly accused of a crime?

If I were wrongly ..., I'd try
to get a good lawyer to defend me

distinction

What's the distinction between the United Kingdom and Great Britain?

The distinction ... is that the
United Kingdom includes Northern
Ireland, whereas Great Britain does not

defence

Do some countries spend huge amounts of money on defence?

Yes, some countries spend ...

poem

poet

What do we call a person who writes poems?

We call ...
a poet

supper

What do we mean by supper?

By supper, we mean the last meal of the day, which could be either dinner or something small that we eat before going to bed

moral

Do you think it can ever be morally right to tell a lie?

Yes, I think ... ~ No, I don't think ...

permanent

temporary

What's the difference between a permanent job and a temporary job?

The difference ... is that a permanent job is one that can last for years, whereas a temporary job only lasts for a short or limited period

permit /pə'mɪt/

permit /'pɜ:mɪt/

What's the difference between "permit" /pə'mɪt/ and "permit" /'pɜ:mɪt/?

The difference ... is that "permit" /pə'mɪt/ is a verb, whereas "permit" /'pɜ:mɪt/ is a noun

How old must a person be before they're legally permitted to drive a car in this country?

A person must be ...

Do you think that's reasonable?

Yes, I think ... ~ No, I don't think ...

Is it sometimes necessary to apply for a work permit before one is allowed to work in a foreign country?

Yes, it's sometimes necessary to ...

scenery

When you go on holiday, what kind of scenery do you prefer ?

When I ..., the kind of scenery I prefer is ...

admission

gallery

Do you think that admission to museums, art galleries etc. ought to be free and that the government should pay to maintain such places?

Yes, I think ... ~ No, I don't think ...

barber

pole

surgical

What was the old sign for a barber's shop?

The old sign ...

was a red and white striped pole which was hung outside

What did the colour red represent, and why?

The colour

red represented blood, because in the old days the barber, apart from cutting hair, also used to perform small surgical operations

elastic

What do we use elastic bands for?

We use ... for

wrapping round things like banknotes etc. in order to keep them together

encourage

discourage

What's the difference in structure between the verbs

"encourage" and "discourage"?

The difference ... is that

we encourage someone to do something, whereas we discourage someone from doing something

If a friend ..., I'd ...

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tempt

donkey

Do you ever feel tempted to move to another country permanently?

Yes, I sometimes ... ~ No, I never ...

Which country? Why?

What's the classic way of tempting a donkey to move?

The classic way ... is by tying a carrot on a piece of string to the end of a stick, and hanging the carrot a step away from the donkey's nose so that he is tempted to move forward to eat it. However, as the stick is fixed to the donkey, the carrot remains out of reach and so the donkey keeps walking.

guide

When you visit a place of historic interest, do you prefer to be shown around by a guide?

Yes, when I visit ..., I prefer ...
~ No, when I visit ..., I don't prefer ...

Why or why not?

engineer

What kind of work does an engineer do?

The kind of work ... is connected with the building of machines, houses, bridges, ships etc.

grateful

What kind of gift would you be most grateful to receive for your next birthday?

The kind of gift I'd be ... would be ...

urgent

What does it mean when a parcel or document is marked “urgent”?

When a parcel or ..., it means that the person who's sending it wants it to arrive or be attended to as soon as possible

explode

If the police believed a bomb was about to explode in a public place, what would they do?

If the police ..., they would clear the area as quickly as possible

precious

Is a person's most precious possession always the one that's worth the most money?

No, a person's ... isn't always ...

Which precious metals are usually used to make jewellery?

The precious metals that ... are gold and silver

hesitate

Why do we sometimes hesitate before doing something?

We sometimes ... because we are not sure what the consequences might be

pump

cyclist

What do we use a pump for?

We use a pump to force liquid or gas from one place to another

Why should a cyclist always carry a pump on their bicycle?

A cyclist should ... so that, if they have to mend a puncture by the side of the road, they can pump up the tyre afterwards

reproduce

reproduction

Do most cheap printers have trouble reproducing colours correctly?

Yes, most cheap printers ...

Do you prefer to see good reproductions of famous paintings hanging on the walls in a house or original paintings by less well-known artists?

I prefer to see ...



Dictation 113

I felt the boat turn/ when I dipped the blade of the oar/ into the water./ The chickens wandered about/ pecking at the plants./ As the cork was removed from the bottle,/ the noise frightened the horse,/ which threw its rider from the saddle./ The tailor worked day and night,/ despite having a fever./ Can you hear the wall is hollow/ when you knock on it?/ I could not understand the message/ she'd written on the strangely shaped parcel./ Their shameful behaviour/ was clearly to blame/ for all the suffering./ Consequently, although they begged for mercy,/ the court remained firm,/ and gave them the maximum sentence./ The little dog sat up and begged,/ so I took some snacks/ that I knew it was fond of/ and placed them in a saucer.



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LESSON 163

tube

squeeze

Are you the type of person who squeezes a tube of toothpaste in the middle, or do you always squeeze it at the end?

I'm the type of person ...

disgusting

Do you think that eating with one's mouth open is a disgusting habit?

Yes, I think ... ~ No, I don't think ...

collar

What's this?

It's the collar of ...

What do we mean by a white-collar worker?

By a white-collar worker, we mean someone who works in an office or other professional environment

congratulate

On what kind of occasions do we congratulate people?

We congratulate people when they have won a prize, passed an exam, got married etc.

solemn

On what kind of occasions do people speak solemnly?

The kind of occasions ... are funerals, state ceremonies etc.

substance

fat

Which three substances do we need to make pastry?

The three substances that
we ... are flour, fat and water

bay

Why are harbours and ports often built in bays?

Harbours and ... because the sea in a
bay is calmer, and it's usually less windy

structure

canvas

waterproof

nylon

Describe a tent, please.

A tent is a small structure made
of waterproof canvas or nylon supported on
poles, and is used for sleeping in when we go camping

despair

Do you despair easily when things are not going well?

Yes, I despair easily ...
~ No, I don't despair easily ...

vessel

blood vessel

A vessel is any kind of container for liquid, such as a cup, a bottle, a drum etc. We can
also call a ship a vessel, and the tubes that carry blood round the body are called blood
vessels.

What is a vessel?

A vessel is any kind ...

prejudice

What do we mean by prejudice?

By prejudice, we mean
an unreasonable opinion about
someone or something which we form
without knowing what the person or thing is actually like

purple

Which colour do we get if we mix the colours red and blue together?

If we mix ..., we get purple

monarchy

monarch

republic

What's a monarchy?

A monarchy is a form of
government in which the head of
state is a monarch such as a king or queen

What's a republic?

A republic is a country that is
run by a government elected by the
people, and which does not have a monarch

tune

Do you find that the tunes to certain television commercials stay in your head for a long time?

Yes, I find that ...

~ No, I don't find that ...

dozen

dozens of

If we have a dozen books, for example, it means we have twelve books. If we have dozens of books, it means we have a lot of books.

What do I mean if I say I have a dozen eggs in my fridge?

If you say ..., you mean you have twelve eggs ...

In a popular tourist resort, are there normally dozens of places to eat?

Yes, in a .., there are normally ...

familiar

Why mustn't an army officer get too familiar with his men?

An army officer mustn't ... because if he becomes a friend, they may not obey him

inadvisable

Why would it be inadvisable to buy a car without taking it for a test drive first?

It'd be inadvisable to ...



Students read Lesson 157 on page 891

diamond

Why do we say "diamonds are forever"?

We say ...
because they don't wear out,
and they seldom lose their value

procession

Why do you think funeral processions move so slowly?

I think funeral processions ...

exaggerate

When telling stories about things that have happened to them, do some people exaggerate in order to make the stories more interesting?

Yes, when telling ..., some people ...

modest

luxury

What do we mean by a modest lifestyle?

By a modest

lifestyle, we mean a lifestyle without a lot of luxury

What do we mean by a modest person?

By a modest

person, we mean someone who doesn't

boast about, or exaggerate, his achievements

reputation

How can a hotel or restaurant develop a bad reputation?

A hotel or restaurant can ... by treating its customers badly, overcharging them, providing a poor service etc.

conscience

What do we mean if we say we have a guilty conscience?

If we say ..., we mean that we have done something wrong and are worried about it. Usually we have not been found out or punished, but we still feel uncomfortable about it.

suspect /sə'spekt/

suspect /'sʌspekt/

What do the police do when they suspect someone of committing crimes but have no proof?

When the police suspect ..., they follow them to see where they go and what they do

And what do we call the person that the police suspect?

We call ... a suspect

exchange

What's the exchange rate between the British pound and the currency used in your country?

The exchange
rate between ... is ...

Is there anything you own that you wouldn't exchange for all the world?

Yes, there's something ...
~ No, there isn't anything ...

What? Why?

programme

When you go on holiday, do you like to have an organized programme of activities for each day?

Yes, when I go on
holiday, I like ... ~ No, when
I go on holiday, I don't like ...

When you attend an event like a theatre performance or a football match, do you buy a programme and keep it as a souvenir?

Yes, when I attend ..., I buy ...
~ No, when I attend ..., I don't buy ...

cut down (on)

Is there anything that you eat or drink that you know you should cut down on?

Yes, there's something ...
~ No, there isn't anything ...

What? Why?

prompt

In an expensive restaurant, do you expect the service to be prompt?

Yes, in an expensive restaurant, I expect ...

motor

Name a piece of kitchen equipment that has a motor inside?

A washing machine (or microwave oven etc.) has a motor inside

suspicion

Can the police in your country arrest a person just on suspicion?

Yes, the police in my country can ...

~ No, the police in my country can't ...

multiply

Multiply 30 by 3, please.

30 multiplied by 3 equals 90



Dictation 114

The opposing team came onto the field,/ and the crowd applauded and cheered./ Within minutes, there was more clapping/ as the ball hit the back of the net./ The film began to drag a little,/ and then, to my annoyance,/ the couple in front started chatting./ As the storm approaches us,/ the delay between the flash of lightning/ and the crack of thunder/ will become scarcely noticeable./ Please be very careful/ to wipe your shoes on the mat/ before entering the house./ The match has been postponed/ because the ground is far too muddy./ Fortunately, I have a spare raincoat/ which I can lend you for the trip./ After leaving the theatre,/ we signalled for a taxi/ to take us home.

Stage 10 Exam

Yes / No Quiz

- No** 1) Is the temperature higher in the shade than in the sun?
- Yes** 2) Is gold a rare metal?
- No** 3) If you hire something, does it then belong to you?
- No** 4) Do we feel happy when we're lonely?
- Yes** 5) Can we tie a parcel with string?
- Yes** 6) Were pigeons used to deliver messages in the past?
- Yes** 7) Is a promotion at work a good thing?
- No** 8) Does water change from a liquid state to a solid state as it gets warmer?
- No** 9) Is it correct to say "It's time we have something to eat"?
- No** 10) Is there a cure for all diseases?
- Yes** 11) Is coal a raw material?
- Yes** 12) Do we put a dot above the lower case letter "i"?
- No** 13) Do all lawyers work for the same firm?
- Yes** 14) Does rotten meat smell?
- No** 15) Are bed sheets made of wool?
- Yes** 16) Does one need a lot of self-confidence in order to perform in public?
- No** 17) Do we call a very loud noise a flash?
- No** 18) When people are walking along the street, do they like to slip?
- No** 19) Do creative people have poor imaginations?
- Yes** 20) Do you need some equipment to play tennis?

- Yes** 21) Is a razor blade flat and thin?
- Yes** 22) Is clerical work usually done indoors?
- No** 23) Do you enjoy sorrow?
- No** 24) Are tame animals harmful?
- No** 25) France and India are countries. Is the former in Asia?
- Yes** 26) Do trains run on tracks?
- No** 27) Are all stains easy to remove?
- Yes** 28) Can a passage be in a book?
- Yes** 29) If a car creeps along a road, does it move slowly?
- Yes** 30) Do bees sting?
- Yes** 31) Can we obtain water from a well?
- No** 32) Do some crossword puzzles consist of many pieces?
- Yes** 33) Is "breathe" a verb?
- Yes** 34) Does the verb "strip" mean the same as "undress"?
- Yes** 35) Can we keep clothes in a wardrobe?
- No** 36) Do we sometimes find ditches in bathrooms?
- No** 37) Is coughing a sign of good health?
- Yes** 38) Does iron rust in a damp atmosphere?
- Yes** 39) Are some mountains steep?
- No** 40) Do people wrap up well in summer?

Vocabulary Test

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|-------------------|----------------|
| 1) nest | 21) spine |
| 2) representative | 22) spare |
| 3) beat | 23) puncture |
| 4) disappoint | 24) fool |
| 5) ashamed | 25) jury |
| 6) rubbish | 26) scared |
| 7) mattress | 27) approve |
| 8) fever | 28) spot |
| 9) shock | 29) recipe |
| 10) beyond | 30) disgusting |
| 11) sauce | 31) steer |
| 12) embarrass | 32) border |
| 13) drag | 33) pattern |
| 14) environment | 34) ruin |
| 15) crush | 35) whisper |
| 16) lump | 36) stiff |
| 17) fade | 37) slap |
| 18) wasp | 38) awkward |
| 19) clap | 39) cupboard |
| 20) rude | 40) recycle |

Dictation

I wouldn't take a bite/ from any of those apples/ if I were you;/ the one I tried
was really sour./ At times, it's difficult/ to tolerate my uncle/ because he keeps
telling jokes/ which he alone finds hugely amusing./ I put the saddle on the
horse/ and led it onto the track./ We poured the juice/ from the overripe plums/
into a shallow bowl./ That hollow sound tells us/ that the container is partly
empty./ The number of crashes that year/ was blamed chiefly/ on the enormous
amount of ice/ on small country roads./ The queue of vehicles/ stretched round
the bend in the road./ Through the crack in the side of the hut/ came a ray of
sunlight.

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