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Stage 6 Lesson 346

Mind

brain

change one's mind

Brainy

abstract

sense

We use "mind" in the abstract sense, whereas we generally use "brain" in the physical sense.

What's the difference between "mind" and "brain"?

The difference between "mind" and "brain" is that we use ...

Are you in the habit of changing your mind a lot?

Yes, I'm in the habit of changing my mind a lot

~ No, I'm not in the habit of changing my mind a lot

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Do adults have bigger brains than young children?

Yes, adults have ...

Who's the brainiest member of your family?

My ... is the brainiest member of my family

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so far

How many people do you think you've spoken to so far today?

I think I've spoken to about...

What does the expression "so far, so good" mean?

The expression "so far, so good" means that somebody has not experienced any problems up to now

Give me an example, please.

I'm enjoying my new job; so far, so good!

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Short answers with auxiliary verbs

Yes, I can

Yes, I would

Yes, I am

Yes, I have

Yes, I do

We can give short answers to questions simply by using an auxiliary verb.

Forexample:

"Can you speak Spanish?"

"Yes, I can."

"Have you seen David?"

"No, I haven't."

"Will she be working?"

"Yes, she will."

Notice that only the first auxiliary verb is necessary. Instead of "Yes, she will be", we can just say "Yes, she will".

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Answer the following questions with short answers:

Will we still be here in two minutes' time?

Yes, we will

Would you need any money if you went to the cinema and had a free ticket?

No, I wouldn't

Can you swim?

Yes, I can ~ No, I can't

Should you be very careful when you cross the road?

Yes, you should

Could you read when you were three years old?

Yes, I could ~ No, I couldn't

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We can also make short answers with the verbs "be" and "have".

For example: "Are you a student?" "Yes, I am."

"Has he got the money?" "Yes, he has."

Am I the teacher?

Yes, you are

Have you got any shoes on your feet?

Yes, I have

For short answers with the present simple and past simple, we use the auxiliary "do".

For example: "Does he eat meat?" "Yes, he does."

"Did they finish the job?" "No, they didn't."

Do you like this part of the country?

Yes, I do ~ No, I don't

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Did you eat dinner at home last night?

Yes, I did ~ No, I didn't

Does he/she speak his/her language during the lesson?

No, he/she doesn't

Did people believe the world was round in the old days?

No, they didn't

Of course, we don't use short answers in the lessons because it's important for you to practise speaking as much as possible.

Why don't we use short answers in the lessons?

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