

LESSON 104

556 I think so

I hope not

pass (an exam)

We can use the words "so" and "not" to avoid repeating a whole sentence that someone has just said. For example, someone says to us "Did you remember to shut the door?" and we reply "Yes, I think so" or "No, I don't think so". The word "so" saves us repeating the whole sentence "Yes, I think I have shut the door" or "No, I don't think I have shut the door". The same is true of the word "not". For example, if someone asks us "Will it rain tomorrow?", we could reply "I hope not".

Why do we use the words "so" and "not" when replying to something that someone has just said?

We use the ...
to avoid repeating the whole sentence

Give me some examples of this use of the word "so", please.

Is that right what James said? –
I'm afraid so; I hope so; I suppose so; I think so

Give me some examples of the use of the word "not", please.

Is that right what James said? –
I'm afraid not; I hope not; I suppose not

We can also use the word "so" at the beginning of a sentence when we already know something that someone has just told us. For example, if someone says "Peter has passed his exams", and we already know this fact, we can reply "So I have heard". We only use this structure with verbs that are connected with the idea of receiving information, such as "tell", "say", "hear", "read" etc.

When do we use the word "so" at the beginning of a sentence?

We use ... when we already know
something that someone has just told us

557 Give me an example, please.

Someone says to us
"Mr Jones has gone to Australia" and,
knowing this fact, we reply "So we've been told"

shoot – shot – shot

What am I doing? You're shooting at the window

What are the three forms of "shoot"? The three forms of "shoot" are "shoot, shot, shot"

Have you ever seen anyone shot in real life? Yes, I've seen ...
~ No, I've never seen ...

senses

sight

hearing

taste

touch

smell

do without (or go without)

What are the five senses? The five senses are sight, hearing, taste, touch and smell

If you had to do without one of these five senses, which'd you choose?
If I had to do without one ..., I'd choose ...

Why?

Tell me some of the sights one might see if one went to Rome (or London, Paris etc.) Some of the sights ... are ...

bright

dull

first thing

Is it brighter in this room than outside? Yes, it's brighter ...
~ No, it isn't brighter ...; it's darker

Do you prefer bright colours or dark colours? I prefer ...

558 Are you (or were you) one of the brightest pupils in your class at mathematics? Yes, I'm (or I was) one of ...
~ No, I'm not (or I wasn't) one of ...

Do you usually feel brighter in the evening than first thing in the morning? Yes, I usually ... ~ No, I don't usually ...;
I usually feel more tired

What do we mean by a dull person? By a dull person, we mean a boring person

What kind of job do you think is the dullest? I think ...

Why?

Was it a dull day yesterday?

Yes, it was ... ~ No, it wasn't ...; it was a bright, sunny day

a great deal of

spend time

Instead of the word "much" we can use "a great deal of". For example, "a great deal of water" etc.

Do you spend a great deal of your time doing nothing?

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

Why or why not?

personal

individual

Do you think that the personal freedom of the individual is important, or do you think that the individual ought to be made to do the same things and live in the same way as other people?

I think that the personal ... ~ I don't think that the personal ...; I think that the individual ...

559 **fierce**

lion

What do we mean by a fierce animal?

By a fierce animal we mean a dangerous and wild animal, like a lion or a tiger

nonetheless

nevertheless

Make a sentence using the word "nonetheless".

I haven't got very much money but, nonetheless, I will go to the cinema this evening

What's another word for "nonetheless"?

Another word ...
"nevertheless"

had better

Give me an example of "had better", please.

I had better go now or I'll miss my train!

What had we better do if we want to get high marks in an examination?

We had better study hard if we want to get ...

What had you better do in order to avoid catching a cold?

I'd better look after myself by wearing thick, warm clothes etc. in order to ...

fit

find out

take back

If you buy clothes and find out later that they don't fit you properly, what do you do?

If I buy ..., I take them back and try to change them

Would your front-door key fit this door?

No, my front-door key ...

560 Why not?

Because my front-door key's a different size

Have you got any brothers or sisters?

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

Do their clothes fit you?

Yes, their clothes ...
~ No, their clothes ...

Why or why not?

Because they take the same size as me
~ Because they take a different size from me

Are you fit to teach English?

Maybe I'm fit to teach beginner level English

What do we mean if we say someone's fit for nothing?

If we say ..., we mean that they are not good enough to do anything

What's the best way to keep fit?

The best way ... is to do physical exercise two or three times a week

Idiom 5

feel down (in the dumps); feel low = feel unhappy

e.g. John's feeling a bit down at the moment; nothing seems to be going right for him these days.

What does the idiom "to feel down" mean?

The idiom ...
"to feel unhappy"

Give me an example, please.

I was feeling very down that morning, but I felt much better when her letter arrived



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