

LESSON 114

616 dish

serve

The difference between a plate and a dish is that a plate is flat, whereas a dish is deeper. We usually eat food from a plate, whereas we serve food from a dish. The word "dish" can also mean food made in a particular way, such as fish and chips or chilli con carne.

What's the difference between a dish and a plate?

The difference between ... is that ...

What's your favourite dish?

My favourite dish is ...

Do you know how to make it?

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

to be for (or against) something

arms

fox

fox hunting

Are you for or against the police carrying arms when they're walking around the streets on duty?

I'm for ... ~ I'm against ...

Why?

Are you for or against fox hunting?

I'm for ... ~ I'm against ...

Why?

617 seize

handbag

What do members of the general public do when they see a criminal seize a woman's handbag in the street?

When members of the general public see ..., some run after the criminal or shout for help, but most people just stand and look too surprised to do anything.

break out

What would you do if another world war broke out? If another world war broke out, I'd ...

wage

salary

payment

profession

non-professional

We use the words "wage" and "salary" for the payment received for work done. The difference between "wage" and "salary" is that we generally use the word "wage" for a non-professional job, or a job in which a person earns a fixed amount of money for each hour they work, whereas we generally use "salary" for a professional job, or a job in which a person earns a fixed amount of money each year.

What's the difference between "wage" and "salary"? The difference between ... is that ...

steady

seasonal

seaside

painter

pianist

surgeon

What kind of people don't earn a steady wage or salary? The kind of people who ... are actors, artists, writers etc.

- 618 Do seasonal workers, such as waiters who work at seaside hotels in the summer, receive a wage or a salary? Seasonal workers ... a wage

What kind of jobs do we need a steady hand for? The kind of jobs we need a steady hand for are painter, surgeon, pianist etc.

About how long do you think it'll take you to finish this book if you keep working steadily? I think it'll take me about ... to finish ...

Plural of nouns ending in "f" or "fe"

leaf

loaf

shelf

cliff

When a noun ends in "f" or "fe", we generally make its plural by changing the "f" or "fe" to "ves". For example, "leaf – leaves", "loaf – loaves", "shelf – shelves", "knife – knives", "life – lives", "wife – wives" etc. However, three common exceptions to this rule are "chefs", "cliffs", and "roofs".

How do we generally form the plural of a noun ending in "f" or "fe"?

We generally ... by changing the "f" or "fe" to "ves"

Give me some examples, please.

leaf – leaves ...

What are three common exceptions to this rule?

Three common exceptions to ... are "chefs", "cliffs" and "roofs"

deer

wood

What's the plural of "deer"?

The plural of "deer" is "deer"

Where do deer prefer to live: in woods or open fields?

Deer prefer to live in woods

Why?

Because they are usually afraid of human beings and other animals

619 **mention**

What kind of things do people often mention when they're telling you about a holiday they've just been on?

People often mention the weather, the food etc. when ...

Give me another sentence with the word "mention" in it, please.

In his speech to his employees, he mentioned that there was a possibility of wages being increased

tell off

When does a mother tell off her child?

A mother ... when the child has done something wrong and made her angry

partner

If you went into business, would you prefer to have a partner or to be alone? If I went into ..., I'd prefer ...

Why?

insist

If a friend buys you a drink in a bar, do you normally insist on giving them the money or do you just buy them a drink the next time? If a friend buys ..., I ...

620 **board** **floorboard** **noticeboard** **blackboard**

deck

port

director

The basic meaning of the word "board" is a flat piece of wood. From it, we get "floorboard", "noticeboard", "blackboard" etc.

What's the basic meaning of the word "board"? The basic ... a flat piece of wood

Give me some examples of what we get from the word "board". Some examples of what ... are "floorboard", "noticeboard" etc.

What do we use a noticeboard for? We use a noticeboard for putting notices on. It is a quick and easy way of giving news and information to everybody

From the idea that the deck of a boat is made from wooden boards, we get the verb "to board" and the expression "on board". We use these when we are talking about getting on or being on boats, ships and planes.

Do you have to show your passport before you can board a plane? Yes, I have to ...

What would happen if you went on board ship to say goodbye to a friend and you remained on board after the ship had left port? If I went ..., I'd have to leave the ship at the next available port

We can also use the word “board” with the idea of a table, and from this we get, for example, “a board of directors”, which is a group of directors who control a company or other organization. As these people usually meet round a table, we call their meeting a “board meeting”.

What do we mean by a “board of directors”?

By a ...
we mean a group ...

621 What do we mean by a “board meeting”?

By a ...
we mean a meeting of
company directors round a table

Also from the idea of a table, we use “board” with the idea of the food we are given when we stay at a hotel. If we pay for “full board”, we get breakfast, lunch and dinner. If we pay for “half board”, we get breakfast and dinner only. Alternatively, we can simply pay for “bed and breakfast”.

If you stayed at a hotel on holiday, would you choose “full board”, “half board” or “bed and breakfast”?

If I stayed ...
I'd choose ...

Idiom 15

see eye to eye = agree with someone

e.g. Richard and his wife see eye to eye on most things.

What does the idiom “see eye to eye” mean?

The idiom ...
“agree with someone”

Give me an example, please.

She doesn't see eye to eye
with her parents about the plans for the wedding



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