

# LESSON 122

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665    **yard**                      **courtyard**                      **enclose**                      **space**

**Apart from being a measure of distance, the word “yard” can mean an open space outside a building, enclosed by walls, but with no roof. It is generally used for a special purpose. For example, a farmyard, a schoolyard, a railway yard, a backyard of a house etc.**

Apart from being a measure of distance, what can the word “yard” mean?                      Apart from ..., the word “yard” can mean an open space outside a building, enclosed by walls, but with no roof

Give me some examples, please.                      Farmyard, schoolyard, railway yard ...

What is a “backyard”?                      A “backyard” is an enclosed space behind a house

**A courtyard, on the other hand, is a large space, often enclosed by buildings, and is usually found in colleges, castles or very large houses.**

What’s a courtyard?                      A courtyard is ... and is usually found in colleges, castles or very large houses

**amuse                      comic                      pass (the time)**  
**cards                      waiting room                      amusement**

What do people do when they are amused by a comic story?                      When people are amused by ... they laugh or smile

666 **The expression “to amuse yourself” means to pass the time, especially when you have nothing else to do. For example, “While we were waiting for the train, we amused ourselves by playing cards”.**

What does the expression “to amuse yourself” mean?                      The expression “to amuse yourself” means ...

Give me an example, please.

While I was waiting to see the doctor, I amused myself by studying the other people in the waiting room, trying to see what they might be thinking from the expression on their faces

What kind of amusements are there in your home town?

In my home town, there are amusements such as cinemas, theatres etc.

## hobby

## photography

What's a hobby?

A hobby is a regular activity that people do in their free time for their own amusement rather than for making money

Can photography be an expensive hobby?

Yes, photography can ...

## order

Why do some people arrange their CDs or books in alphabetical order on the shelf?

Some people ... so that they are easy to find

## pack

## packed

## suitcase

## shorts

## T-shirt

Name some things that people always pack in their suitcase when they go on holiday to a hot country.

Some things that ... are shorts, T-shirts, sunglasses etc.

667 Do you like watching a film in a packed cinema?

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

## thorn

## rose

Name me a flower that's protected by thorns.

The rose is a flower that's ...

## afford

What do we mean when we say we can't afford to do something?

When we say we ... we mean we haven't got enough time or money to do it

Can most people afford to eat in restaurants every day?

No, most people can't ...

If you were offered five free hours of English lessons a day, could you afford the time to take them?  
Yes, if I were ..., I could afford ...  
~ No, if I were ..., I couldn't afford ...

## agreement

Do countries always respect the agreements they make with other countries?  
No, countries don't always ...

## basket

## trolley

When you do the shopping, do you normally use a basket or a trolley?  
When I do ..., I normally ...

## nut

Are nuts good for the health?  
Yes, nuts are ...

## 668 regarding

Where could I find information regarding concerts and other events in this area?  
You could ... by looking in local newspapers, visiting websites etc.

## material

## duvet

## cotton

## leather

What kind of material are duvet covers generally made of?  
Duvet covers ... cotton

Why is leather a good material for making bags from?  
Leather is ... because it's soft but also very strong

## convenience

## convenient

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## dining room

Why is it a great convenience to have a kitchen near to a dining room?  
It's a great ... because there's less distance to carry the food

Is it important to you to have every modern convenience in your home?  
Yes, it's important ... ~ No, it isn't important ...

Would it be convenient for you to come to school at 4 a.m.?

No, it wouldn't be convenient for ...; it'd be inconvenient

**sensitive**

**offend**

**criticism**

**thermometer**

The two basic meanings of the word "sensitive" are "able to notice small changes" and "easily hurt or offended".

- 669 A sensitive thermometer can measure very small changes in temperature. A sensitive person can be either a kind person who is good at noticing changes in how other people are feeling, or a person who is easily hurt or offended by criticism. If you have sensitive teeth, your teeth can hurt when you have very hot or very cold drinks.

What are the two basic meanings of the word "sensitive"?

The two ... are "able to notice small changes" or "easily hurt or offended"

What do we mean by a sensitive thermometer?

By a ..., we mean a thermometer that can measure very small changes in temperature

Are your eyes sensitive to bright light?

Yes, my eyes are ...  
~ No, my eyes aren't ...

Is it important for teachers to be sensitive to their pupils' feelings?

Yes, it's important for ...

What do we mean if we say that somebody is very sensitive to criticism?

If we say ..., we mean that they are easily hurt or offended by criticism

**sensible**

**reasonable**

When we are thinking about a person's behaviour, the opposite of the word "stupid" is "sensible". A sensible person behaves in a practical and reasonable manner. For example, it is sensible to look both ways before crossing a road, whereas it is stupid to cross a road without looking both ways. It is sensible to save money for the future rather than spend all your money immediately.

When we're speaking about a person's behaviour, what's the opposite of the word "stupid"?

When we're speaking ..., the opposite of the word "stupid" is "sensible"

Are you sensible with money?

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

670 Is it sensible to run across the road without looking?

No, it isn't sensible to ...

Why not?

Because we could be hit by a car

## shopping centre

Is there a big shopping centre in this town?

Yes, there's a ...  
~ No, there isn't a ...

## balance

## add up

What am I doing?

You're balancing your pen on your finger

If you add up figures in an accounts book and find they don't balance, what must you do?

If you add up ..., you must add them up again

If we had £100 between us, and I took £75 and gave the balance to you, how much would you get?

If we had ..., I'd get £25

## bind – bound – bound

Basically, the verb "to bind" means "to tie". For example, to bind a wound, to bind a book, to bind with a promise.

What is, basically, the meaning of the verb "to bind"?

Basically, the meaning ... is "to tie"

What are the three forms of "bind"?

The three forms of "bind" are "bind, bound, bound"

671 **Idiom 23**

hit the nail right on the head = say something that identifies a problem or situation exactly, or say something that is exactly right

e.g. He hit the nail right on the head when he pointed out that the problem had been caused by the managers, not the workers.

What does the idiom “hit the nail right on the head” mean?

The idiom ... “say something ...”

Give me an example, please.

He hit the nail right on the head, and then we could see the problem perfectly



**Dictation 31**

When we are given the bill/ in a restaurant,/ the service charge is often included,/ but it depends on the individual restaurant./ He always takes/ two toothbrushes with him/ when he goes on a long journey,/ as he is afraid he might lose one./ Some people shouted “Congratulations!”/ and then everybody raised a glass/ and said “Cheers!”/ There’s one thing I hate/ and that is people interfering/ with my plans for the weekend.



**Do Revision Exercise 54**