

LESSON 128

704 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 ...

705 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 ...

706 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?

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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

707 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 ...

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.

708 **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

709 **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

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

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 ...

710 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.



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