

LESSON 132

729 still

yet

annoyance

As we already know, we use the word "still" for something that is in progress at the moment, whereas we use "yet" for something that has not begun or happened. This means that "still" is generally used in positive sentences, whereas "yet" is generally used in negative and interrogative sentences.

However, it is possible to use "still" in negative sentences. For example, instead of saying "He hasn't done the work yet", we can say "He still hasn't done the work". This communicates a feeling of surprise or annoyance, and the word "still" is stressed in the sentence.

What feeling does the word "still" communicate when we use it in a negative sentence?

The word "still" ...
surprise or annoyance ...

Give me an example, please.

I've explained it a hundred
times but he still doesn't understand!

"Still" can also be used in questions. For example, "Are you still living in London?". This can also communicate a feeling of surprise or annoyance, but only if there is a heavy stress on the word "still" in the question. For example, "Are you still in the bathroom, Jane? Please hurry up!".

Can the word "still" be used in questions?

Yes, the word
"still" can ...

Give me an example, please.

It's nearly midnight.
Are you still working?

Sometimes, we use the words "still", or more commonly "even", in a comparative structure in order to communicate that something is surprising. For example, "My brother is tall, but my uncle is still taller", or "We're driving fast but we need to drive even faster to avoid being late".

730 When do we use the words "still", or more commonly "even", in a comparative structure? We use ... to communicate that something is surprising

Give me an example, please. My French is **bad**, and my English is still worse. Joe is fairly **greedy**, but his sister's even **greedier**.

according to

in my opinion

If I said to you that, according to the newspapers this morning, life had been discovered on another planet, would you believe me?

Yes, if you said ..., I'd believe you
~ No, if you said ..., I wouldn't believe you

What, according to you, is the best way to deal with murderers?

In my opinion, the **best way** ...

When things don't go according to plan, what do you do?

When things don't go ...

band

disturbance

military

In this town, do you get bands of young people going around the streets at night causing disturbances? Yes, in this town, we get ... – No, in this town, we don't get ...

Name a band that's very popular in your country. A **band** that's ... is ...

Do you like the sound of a military band? Yes, I like ... – No, I don't like ...

Why do they put a band of material inside a hat? They put a ... to help the hat to keep its shape

Why do tennis players sometimes wear a band of material around their wrist? Tennis players ... to absorb the sweat

731 **link**

browse

Is there a definite link between cigarette smoking and serious illness? Yes, there's a ...

When browsing on the internet, do you ever follow so many links that you forget what you were originally doing? Yes, when ..., I sometimes ... ~ No, when ..., I never ...

Do you enjoy browsing round shops at the weekend? Yes, I enjoy ...
~ No, I don't enjoy ...

carriage

invention

What's the noun of the verb "to carry"? The noun ... "carriage"

How many carriages does the average train consist of? The average train consists of about ... carriages

What caused people to stop using the horse and carriage as a form of everyday transport? The invention of the steam engine and the car caused ...

In your opinion, what's the most important invention in history, apart from the wheel? In my opinion, the most ...

explanation

If you have a car accident and make a claim on your insurance, do you have to give a detailed explanation of what happened? Yes, if you ..., you have to ...

732 **about**

for days and days

what about (you)

We must now note some of the different uses of the word "about".

What kind of things do housemates argue about? The kind of ... are cleaning, noise etc.

Do you think there's anything bad about lying to someone in order not to hurt their feelings? Yes, I think there's something ...
~ No, I don't think there's anything ...

Do people stand about on the corners of the streets in your town? Yes, people stand about ...
~ No, people don't stand about ...

Are you in the habit of leaving your clothes lying about on your bedroom floor for days and days? Yes, I'm in the habit of ...
~ No, I'm not in the habit of ...

If you came to the classroom for your lesson one day but there was nobody about, what would you do? If I came ..., I'd ...

I don't think there's going to be another world war; what about you?
I agree. I don't think there's going to ...
~ I don't agree. I think there's going to ...

bitter

dissatisfaction

Does tea without sugar taste sweet? No, tea ...; it tastes bitter

Why do some people feel bitter, especially in their old age?
Some people ... because they feel that life has not been fair to them

733 **neat**

What word can we use instead of the word "tidy"? We can use the word "neat" instead of the word "tidy"

poverty

Do you think there'll always be high levels of poverty in some parts of the world?
Yes, I think ... ~ No, I don't think ...

admire

admiration

Who do you admire more than anyone else? I admire ... more than anyone else

Why?

What's the noun of the verb "to admire"? The noun of the verb "to admire" is "admiration"

generous

Do you think the rich are more generous than the poor? Yes, I think ...
- No, I don't think ...

Idiom 33

touch and go = very uncertain

e.g. It was touch and go for a moment. I thought the piece of wood would break and we'd all fall into the sea.

734 What does the idiom "touch and go" mean?

The idiom ...
"very uncertain"

Give me an example, please.

The car was in very bad condition, and it was touch and go whether it would get us home or not.



Dictation 88

The ship sank slowly/ to the ocean bed./ Some of the men on board drowned/ because they were unable to swim./ Others managed to save themselves/ by holding onto pieces of wood/ and were slowly carried to land/ by the tide./ In the past,/ some empires were built/ when one country conquered another/ and then demanded a tax,/ which then made it easier/ to conquer still more countries./ He was a great literary figure/ of his day./ but today he is read very little.



Do Revision Exercise 59