

# LESSON 134

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## 741 Giving/asking for opinions

**in my view**

**from my point of view**

**if you ask me**

**as far as I'm concerned**

There are various expressions we can use to give an opinion in English. We already know "I'd say", but some other expressions are "in my opinion", "in my view", "from my point of view", "if you ask me", "as far as I'm concerned" etc. Of course, we can also use these expressions to ask for opinions.

Tell me some of the expressions we can use to give someone our opinion in English.

Some of the expressions ... are  
"in my opinion", "in my view", "from my point  
of view", "if you ask me", "as far as I'm concerned" etc.

Give me an example, please.

If you ask me, he's  
the best footballer in this country

In your view, should children be allowed to go to bed whenever they want?

Yes, in my view, children ...  
~ No, in my view, children ...

From your point of view, is it better to live in a big city or in the countryside?

From my point of view, ...

What would you say was the best way to lose weight?

I'd say the  
best way ..

As far as you're concerned, which country has the best food in the world?

As far as I'm concerned, ...

**clockwise****anticlockwise****symbol****@ = at****. = dot**

When we're using a screw to hang a picture on a wall, do we turn the screw clockwise or anticlockwise?      When we're ... .. clockwise

What do we call the symbol used in email addresses that looks like a lower case letter "a" with a tail going around it anticlockwise?      We call ... the "at" sign

What's the email address for this school?      The email address ...

**inquire (or enquire)****inquiry (or enquiry)**

Where do we go to enquire about train times at the station?      We go to the enquiry office to ...

When a member of the public is killed by a police officer, do you think there ought to be an official inquiry into the death?      Yes, when a ...  
I think ... ~ No, when a ... I don't think ...

**escape****prisoner**

If you had been a prisoner during the last world war, would you have tried to escape?      Yes, if I'd been ... I'd have tried ...  
~ No, if I'd been ... I wouldn't have tried ...

743 **regret**

Is there anything you regret having done or not having done in your life?      Yes, there's something ...  
~ No, there isn't anything ...

What? Why?

**wipe****forehead****towel**

What am I doing?      You're wiping your forehead with the back of your hand

After washing, what do we wipe our hands and face on? After washing, we ... a towel

**interest**

**shares**

When we buy an interest in a business, what are the documents that we buy called? When we buy ..., the documents that we buy are called "shares"

Is it in your own interest to wear a seat belt in a car? Yes, it's in my own ...

Changing the letter "y" to "i"

**tidiness**

One useful spelling rule to remember is that when a word ends in the letter "y" with a consonant before it, we change the "y" to "i" when adding a suffix. For example, "study – studied". The exception to this rule is when we add the suffix "-ing". In this case, the "y" does not change. For example, "study – studying".

What happens when we add a suffix to a word ending in the letter "y" with a consonant before it? When we add ..., we change the "y" to "i"

744 Spell the word "babies", please. b – a – b – i – e – s

Spell the word "tidiness", please. t – i – d – i – n – e – s – s

What is the exception to this rule? The exception ... the suffix "ing"

Spell the word "carrying", please. c – a – r – r – y – i – n – g

If a word ends in the letter "y" with a vowel before it, the "y" does not change to "i" when we add a suffix. For example, "delay – delays".

What happens when we add a suffix to a word ending in the letter "y" with a vowel before it? When we add ..., we do not change the "y" to "i"

Spell the word "journeys", please. j – o – u – r – n – e – y – s

## preferable

In a big city like London or Paris, is it preferable for most people to drive a car every day or use public transport? In a big ..., it's preferable for ...

## largely

## quality

Do you think that success in life (like making a lot of money) is largely a matter of luck, or do you think certain qualities are required which are more important than luck? I think that ...  
~ I don't think that ...; I think ...

## 745 may as well

## might as well

**We use the expressions "may as well" or "might as well" when we are suggesting something, not because we think it is a great idea but because we cannot think of anything better to do. For example, if we say "We may as well go home now", it means that we are suggesting going home only because we cannot think of a better alternative.**

When do we use the expressions "may as well" or "might as well"?

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Give me an example, please.

It's raining and cold outside.  
We may (or might) as well stay at home and watch a film on TV

## on account of

If you had bought a ticket for a music festival but then the event was cancelled at the last moment on account of bad weather, do you think you'd be able to get a refund? Yes, if I had bought..., I think I'd ...  
~ No, if I had bought..., I don't think I'd ...

## energetic

After eating your lunch each day, do you generally feel more energetic or less energetic? After eating ..., I generally ...

**breath**

**breathe**

**out of breath**

**through**

What am I doing?

You're breathing

746 And what comes out of our mouths when we breathe?

Breath comes ...

How long can you hold your breath for?

I can hold my ...

How do people get out of breath?

People get out of breath through running, climbing the stairs etc.

### Idiom 35

lucky break = a piece of good luck, usually following a period of little or no success

e.g. For several months I couldn't find any work, but then I had a lucky break: a man I met at a party offered me a job.

What does the idiom "lucky break" mean?

The idiom ...  
"a piece of ..."

Give me an example, please.

We had to hitchhike, but no one stopped for us all morning. Then we had a lucky break: someone picked us up and took us all the way to the city.

### **clothing**



*Dictation 90*

On the whole, we speak English rather well now. My account is almost empty. I've spent all my money on clothing for the holiday. The eastern states of North America were settled by the Europeans before the western states. If we need to draw out money when the banks are closed, it's necessary to use a cash machine. We had all expected the temple to be damaged by the violent storms. I'm afraid that our opinions differ too greatly. These shoes are not the same size. Which navy has the best ships?



*Do Revision Exercise 60*