

LESSON 138

768 bite – bit – bitten

What am I doing?

You're **biting** your finger

What are the three forms of "bite"?

The three forms of "bite" are
"bite, bit, bitten"

bare

weapon

barely

Are my hands covered?

No, your hands ...; they're **bare**

Is it possible to kill a man with one's bare hands; that is, without using a weapon of any kind?

Yes, it's **possible** to ...

When you go on holiday, do you take a lot of clothes with you, or just the bare minimum?

When I go ..., I ...

What do we mean when we say "We barely had time to eat"?

When we say "We **barely** ...",
we mean we **only** just had time to eat

go back

come back

go in

come in

return

enter

descend

overcome

go down

come down

769 Sometimes it can be difficult to know when to use the verb "go back" and when to use "come back", or when to use "go in" and when to use "come in". Some students have a similar confusion with the words "bring" and "take". The problem exists because, with these verbs, the correct choice depends mainly on where the speaker is at the time.

For example, if, at the time of speaking, I was at the school, I would say "After the lesson tomorrow, I'll go back home", whereas if I were at home, I would say "After the lesson tomorrow, I'll come back home".

If you really cannot decide which verb to use, one way to overcome the problem is to use the verb "return" instead of "go back" or "come back", and the verb "enter" instead of "go in" or "come in". However, "return" and "enter" are quite formal words in English, so only do this if you feel you have to.

What's the difficulty with the words "go back" and "come back", and "go in" and "come in"?

The difficulty with ...
is that the correct choice
of verb depends mainly on ...

What's one way to overcome the problem?

One way ...
is by using "return" instead of "go back" or
"come back", and "enter" instead of "go in" or "come in"

The same difficulty exists with the verbs "go down" and "come down", so you can use "descend" instead. However, remember that using the word "descend" sounds quite formal in English.

What word can we use instead of "go down" or "come down"?

We can use the word "descend" instead of ...

case

barrister

What do we call the type of lawyer who fights cases in a law court?

We call ... a barrister

770 **(just) in case**

risk

run a risk

The expression "in case", or "just in case", means "in preparation for the possibility that ...". For example, if we say "Here is my phone number in case you need to call me", we mean "in preparation for the possibility that you need to call me". If you need to call, you will already be prepared because you will have my number.

What does the expression "in case" mean?

The expression "in case"
means "in preparation for the possibility that ..."

Give me an example, please.

I left home early in
case there were any transport problems

Do you carry an umbrella in case it rains, or are you the kind of person who prefers to run the risk of it raining?
I carry ... – No, I don't carry ...; I'm the kind of ...

The expression "just in case" can be used at the end of a sentence if it is obvious what we mean. For example, "Here's my mobile number, just in case" obviously means "Here's my mobile number in case you need to call me".

Give me an example of "just in case" used at the end of a sentence, please.
I was sure there was enough petrol in the car but I put in some more, just in case

Do not confuse the expression "in case" with the expression "in case of". We use "in case of" with the meaning of "if and when something happens". For example, "In case of fire, leave the building immediately" means "If and when there is a fire, leave the building immediately".

Give me an example of the expression "in case of", please.
In case of any problems, please contact me immediately

excuse (v) /ɪk'skju:z/ **excuse (n)** /ɪk'skju:s/

What's the difference between "excuse" (v) and "excuse" (n)?
The difference ... is that "excuse" is the verb, whilst "excuse" is the noun

771 **waist** **waistcoat**

What part of the body is this?
That part of the body is the waist.

What does a three-piece suit consist of?
A three-piece suit consists of trousers, a jacket and a waistcoat

fancy

What does somebody mean if they say that they don't like fancy food?
If somebody says that they don't like fancy food, they mean that they don't like complicated food; they prefer simple food

What do you fancy for your dinner this evening; that is, what'd you like to have? I fancy ... for my dinner this evening

Tell me the name of somebody famous who you fancy. I fancy ...

pint

gallon

litre

0.5683 litres = 1 pint

8 pints = 1 gallon

How many litres make a pint?

0.5683 litres make a pint

How many pints make a gallon?

8 pints make a gallon

772 **jealous**

jealousy

go out with

If somebody you fancied started going out with a friend of yours, would you feel jealous, or would you just be happy for your friend?

If somebody ..., I'd ...

What's the noun of the adjective "jealous"?

The noun ... is "jealousy"

fortune

fortunate

international

Do top international sportsmen earn a fortune?

Yes, top international sportsmen earn ...

What's another meaning of the word "fortune"?

Another meaning ... is "luck"

If you were fortunate enough to win £5 million in the lottery, how much of it would you give to the other members of your family?

If I were ...

I'd give ...

mine

miner

What do we call a man who works in a mine?

We call a man who works in a mine a miner

tend

Do you tend to eat too much when you go on holiday?

Yes, I tend

... ~ No, I don't tend ...

773 **content** (n) /'kɒntent/

content (v or adj) /kən'tent/

What's the difference between the words "content" (n) and "content" (v or adj)?

The difference ... "content" is a noun, whereas content" is a verb or adjective

Is it normal for passengers to have the contents of their bags checked at airports?

Yes, it's normal for ...

Are you content with your life at the moment?

Yes, I'm ...

– No, I'm not ...

witness

Have you ever witnessed an accident or a crime?

Yes, I've witnessed ... ~ No, I've never witnessed ...

Idiom 39

in a nutshell = briefly; in a few words

e.g. I won't give you a long, detailed explanation but, in a nutshell, I couldn't do the job.

What does the idiom "in a nutshell" mean?

The idiom ... "briefly ..."

Give me an example, please.

To put it in a nutshell, the answer is "no"

774  Dictation 93

As a rule,/ I do not waste a lot of time/ worrying about unimportant details./ Last night,/ there was a terrible storm/ and the surface of the sea/ looked like/ a mass of hills and valleys./ There has been a wonderful improvement/ in his health/ and he is now beginning/ to enjoy life again./ Wisdom usually comes with experience./ Although he objected,/ he was still defeated./ I do not mind you smoking/ while I am eating./ We switched on the light/ and found that all the Christmas gifts/ had been stolen from under the tree.



Do Revision Exercise 62