

LESSON 145

816 **preference**

cuisine

Do you have a strong preference for any particular national cuisine?

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

Which?

style

Have you ever had a hairstyle that was completely different from the one you have now?

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

help yourself

can't help

At a party, do you think it's better to let everyone help themselves to the food, or do you think it's better for them to be served by someone?

At a party, I think it's better ...

Is there any mistake in English that you can't help making when you write or speak?

Yes, there's a mistake in ...
~ No, there isn't any mistake in ...

Which?

load

barrel

lead

rod

Which animal do you think can pull the heaviest load?

I think the elephant can ...

817 How did they use to load a gun in the old days?

They used to load a gun in the old days by pouring gunpowder down the barrel of the gun, then dropping a lead ball down the barrel onto the powder, and then, finally, pushing everything down with a metal rod

Do you know how to use a fishing rod?

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

voyage

space

What is a voyage?

A voyage is a long journey on water or in space

tour

tourist

Have you ever been on a tour of a city on an open-topped bus? Yes,
I've been on ... ~ No, I've never been on ...

Where?

Name me somewhere in this country that's visited by tourists throughout
the year. ... is somewhere in ...

pet

rabbit

Is it cheaper to keep a rabbit as a pet than a dog? Yes, it's
cheaper ...

run on

create

Why are cars that run on electricity becoming more popular these days?
Cars that ... because they don't create any pollution

818 Would it create big problems for you if you lost your mobile phone?
Yes, it'd create ... ~ No, it wouldn't create ...

Why or why not?

situated

Why are castles often situated on high ground? Castles are often
situated on high ground
because, in the past, this made
it more difficult for enemies to attack

cloth

What kind of cloth is most commonly used to make men's suits?
Wool is most commonly used ...

convince

try

set free

When a man commits murder and the law cannot prove he did it, even though everyone is convinced he did, what happens? When a man ..., even though ..., the man is set free

And if new evidence is discovered after the man has been set free, can he be tried again? Yes, in some countries, if new evidence ...

relieve

relief

pill

painkiller

What do we call the pills that we take to relieve a headache? We call ... painkillers

819 How long is a soldier generally on guard for before he's relieved? A soldier is generally on guard for maybe two to four hours before he's relieved

What's the noun of "relieve"? The noun ... is "relief"

During a war, what do we mean by Red Cross relief? During a war, by Red Cross relief, we mean the food, medicine and protection that the Red Cross provide to people whose lives are being affected by the war

self

selfish

self-control

control

Why is it that we seldom know another person's real self? The reason we seldom ... is that most people keep some of their true character and feelings hidden from others

Do people who are spoilt as children often grow up to be selfish as adults? Yes, people who are ...

What do we mean by self-control? By self-control, we mean control over our own feelings, desires and emotions without discipline coming from others

lie – lay – lain

lie – lied – lied

lay – laid – laid

Three verbs which sometimes get confused with one another are:

- 1) the irregular verb "to lie", meaning "to be in a horizontal position", its three forms being "lie, lay, lain";
- 820 2) the regular verb "to lie", meaning "not to tell the truth", its three forms being "lie, lied, lied"; and
- 3) the verb "to lay", meaning "to put carefully on a surface", its three forms being "lay, laid, laid".

What are the three forms of the irregular verb "to lie" and what does it mean?
The three forms ... "lie, lay, lain",
and it means "to be in a horizontal position"

What are the three forms of the regular verb "to lie", and what does it mean?
The three forms ... "lie, lied, lied",
and it means "not to tell the truth"

What are the three forms of the verb "to lay" and what does it mean?
The three forms ... "lay, laid, laid",
and it means "to put carefully on a surface"

tight

tight-fitting

loose-fitting

airtight

watertight

container

What am I doing?
You're holding on tightly
to the arm (or side) of the chair

What's the contrary of "tight"?
The contrary ... "loose"

Which are more comfortable: tight-fitting or loose-fitting clothes?
Loose-fitting clothes ...

What do we mean when we say a container is airtight and watertight?
When we say a ..., we mean that no air
or water can pass into it from outside, or vice versa

aim

take aim

What am I pretending to do?

You're pretending to
take aim at the window with a gun

821 Have you got any particular aim in life?

Yes, I've got a ...
~ No, I haven't got any ...

What?

damp

Is it healthy to live in a damp house?

No, it isn't healthy to ...

Why not?

Because it can make us ill

indeed

emphasis

What does the word "indeed" mean, and when do we use it?

The word "indeed" means "really", and we often
add it for emphasis when we use the word "very"

Give me some examples, please.

It's very cold today indeed.
She sings very beautifully indeed.
Tigers are very dangerous animals indeed.

jaw

What part of the body's this?

It's the jaw

ladder

vertical

Describe a ladder, please.

A ladder consists of two long
vertical pieces of wood or metal, connected together
by several short horizontal pieces of wood or metal

What do we use a ladder for?

We use a ladder for
climbing up walls, trees etc.

What must you buy in order to be admitted to the cinema?

You must buy a ticket in order to ...

If a criminal admits their guilt before any trial takes place, is their punishment often reduced by the judge?

Yes, if a criminal ..., their punishment ...

Idiom 46

a load off one's mind = a relief from worry

e.g. Now that I know the results at last, it's a load off my mind.

What does the idiom "a load off one's mind" mean?

The idiom ...
"a relief from worry"

Give me an example, please.

I'm glad you've arrived safely; it's a great load off my mind.



Dictation 99

I am afraid, I cannot recommend him for the job. The soldier was wounded during the battle. They decided to separate and sit at separate tables. We generally finish a business letter with "Yours faithfully" or "Yours sincerely". When we apply for a job, the manager, or whoever it might be, usually asks for a reference. The corn stood shoulder high but was, unfortunately, full of weeds. There is still a chance that the envelope containing the money might be found. It was only a slight injury, so there was no need to visit the hospital.