

LESSON 148

835 **"By" and its many uses** (continued)

by birth

by heart

poetry

measurement

Here are some more examples of expressions that contain the word "by":

- 1) "They were walking by the river" means that they were walking next to the river.
- 2) "We cooked the meat by roasting it" means that we used the method of roasting in order to cook the meat.
- 3) "We'll have finished the job by this time tomorrow" means that we'll finish the job at some time before this time tomorrow.
- 3) "The workers get paid by the hour" means that the workers get paid a certain amount for each hour they work.
- 4) "His office is 6 metres by 4 metres" means that his office is 6 metres long and 4 metres wide.
- 5) "He is Chinese by birth" means that he was born in China.
- 6) "I know the English alphabet by heart" means that I can say the English alphabet from memory.

Are you sitting by the window?

Yes, I'm ... ~ No, I'm not ...

Do you come to school by car?

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

Had you gone to sleep by midnight last night?

Yes, I'd gone ... ~
No, I hadn't gone ...

When one hires a lawyer, does one often have to pay by the hour?

Yes, when one ... , one often ...

836 Are the measurements of a double bed about 200 cm by 140 cm?

Yes, the measurements ...

What nationality are you by birth?

I'm ... by birth

Do you know any poetry by heart?

Yes, I know ...

~ No, I don't know ...

report

reporter

misbehaviour

well done!

If your school report is (or was) good (or bad), what do (or did) your parents say?

If my school report ...

my parents say (or said)

"Well done!" (or "You must try harder" etc.)

Were you ever reported to the head teacher of your primary school for misbehaviour?

Yes, I was reported ...

~ No, I was never reported ...

If you were a newspaper reporter, what kind of news would you like to write about?

If I were ... I'd like to ...

set

If you bought a set of knives, forks and spoons, how many of each would you expect it to contain?

If I bought ...

I'd expect ...

approve

disapprove

approval

disapproval

Do you approve of people being allowed to smoke in public places?

Yes, I approve of ... ~ No,

I don't approve of ...; I disapprove

837 What are the nouns of the verbs "approve" and "disapprove"?

The nouns ... are

"approval" and "disapproval"

track

running track

railway track

print

How is a track made?

A track is made by people
or animals constantly walking
over the same piece of ground

What's a running track?

A running track is a track used for races, which we find on a sports field or in an athletics stadium

What are railway tracks?

Railway tracks are the lines on which trains run

How can we tell the difference between the tracks of a horse and those of a cow?

We can tell the difference ... by the prints. The prints left by a horse are round like a horseshoe, whereas those of a cow are split down the middle

How do the police track a murderer?

The police track a murderer mainly by searching for clues and asking people questions

recipe

What do we call the set of instructions that tells us how to cook a particular dish?

We call ... a recipe

838 **alike**

like each other

What can we say instead of "They are like each other"?

We can say "They are alike" instead of "They are like each other"

What can we say instead of "My brother looks similar to me"?

We can say "My brother and I look alike" instead of "My brother looks similar to me"

package

parcel

packet

A package and a parcel are more or less the same thing, but a parcel is normally a package that is sent through the post or delivered to somebody. A packet, on the other hand, is usually a small package that we find in shops, containing several similar items, like sweets, crisps, or cigarettes.

What's the difference between a package and a parcel? The difference ... is that a parcel is normally a package that ...

Noun (or pronoun) + infinitive with “to”

When a noun (or pronoun) is followed by an infinitive with “to”, it is similar to a relative clause. For example, “I have a lot of work to do” means the same as “I have a lot of work that I must do”. The sentence “There is nothing in the fridge for us to eat” means “There is nothing in the fridge that we can eat”.

- 840 Give me an example of a sentence with a noun (or pronoun) followed by an infinitive with “to”, please. We have loads of emails to write. I have nothing to do tomorrow.



Dictation 102

She can remember the words to the chorus/ but not every verse./ I dare not think/
of the effect it will have on him,/ but he ought to be told./ Even if we get a loan,/
we'll only be postponing the day/ when we have to close the business/ as a complete
loss./ I can still see the scene now,/ with the boy almost in tears/ standing in front of
the head teacher/ on his first day at the new school,/ asking not to be sent home./
There were many suits of armour/ just inside the entrance to the castle,/ and deer
were wandering around/ in the grounds outside.



Do Revision Exercise 67