

# LESSON 155

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878 **peck**

**beak**

What do we mean when we say that a chicken pecks the ground?

When we say that..., we mean that it picks up food from the ground with its beak

**block**

**clay**

What do we call the blocks of hard clay that are commonly used to make buildings?

We call ... bricks

What else can we make from clay?

We can make plates, cups etc. from clay

Why do the police sometimes block a road?

The police sometimes block a road because ...

**cream**

**fatty**

What is cream and where does it come from?

Cream is the fatty part of milk, or anything which looks or feels similar to it

Do you believe it's worth spending money on expensive face creams?

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

**spring – sprang – sprung**

**spring**

Do you spring out of bed in the morning?

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

879 What are the three forms of "spring"?

The three forms of "spring" are "spring, sprang, sprung"

Can you feel the springs inside the mattress on your bed?

Yes, I can feel ... ~ No, I can't feel ...

## curious

## investigate

Are cats well known for having a curious nature? Yes, cats are ...

If you heard a curious noise outside your room in the middle of the night, would you stay in bed or go and investigate? If I heard ..., I'd ...

What do we call a police officer who investigates crimes? We call ... a detective

## keen

Are you keen on sport? Yes, I'm keen on sport  
~ No, I'm not keen on sport

Are young children nearly always keen to learn new things? Yes, young children are ...

## article

## journalist

About how many extra articles of clothing would you say the average person wore on a cold winter's day? I'd say the average person wore ...

What kind of people write articles in newspapers? The kind of people who ... are professional writers, or people who have special knowledge of particular subjects

88● If you worked as a journalist, what kind of articles would you like to write? If I worked ..., I'd like ...

## bold

## courageous

What do we mean when we say that someone behaves boldly? When we say ..., we mean that they behave courageously, or confidently and without fear

Do you think clothes in bold colours suit you? Yes, I think ...  
~ No, I don't think ...

Why do we sometimes type a word in a document in bold? We sometimes ... so that the word is more noticeable on the page

**strike – struck – struck**

**striking**

**survive**

What am I doing?

You're striking your pen on the table

If you were struck by lightning and survived, would the experience change the way you felt about your life?

Yes, if I were ..., the experience would ... ~ No, if I were ..., the experience wouldn't ...

If you were on your way to a friend's birthday party and it suddenly struck you that you'd forgotten their present, would you go back and get it or would you just go without it?

If I were ... and it suddenly struck me that ..., I'd ...

If we describe a building as striking, what do we mean?

If we ..., we mean that it is interesting and attracts our attention because it looks different from other buildings

881 **shoplift**

**imprison**

Do you think that people who shoplift should be imprisoned?

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

**remedy**

**cure**

A remedy is a medical treatment that is designed to make you feel better when you're ill, whereas a cure is a treatment that makes the illness itself disappear.

Is there a cure for the common cold?

No, there isn't ...

Do you usually take a cold remedy to make you feel better when you have a cold?

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

**aircraft**

**helicopter**

What types of aircraft take off vertically?

Helicopters and certain special aeroplanes take off vertically

**stain**

**woodwork**

**ink**

Why do some people prefer to stain woodwork rather than paint it?

Some people ... because the woodwork looks more natural if it is stained

If you discovered an ink stain on an article of clothing, how would you try to remove it?

If I discovered ..., I'd try to ... by ...

882 **creep – crept – crept**

The word “creep” means either to move forwards very slowly, or to move slowly and quietly so that nobody hears you.

What does the word “creep” mean?

The word “creep” means ...

Give me an example of each, please.

- 1) The traffic was creeping along very slowly, owing to the fact that several roads had been blocked by the police.
- 2) Elizabeth crept into the room so as not to wake the baby.

**passage**

**extract**

The word “passage” can mean a long, narrow space, generally between two buildings, or inside a building, like a corridor. It can also mean a short extract from a speech or a piece of writing.

What does the word “passage” mean?

The word “passage”  
... a long, narrow space ...  
It can also mean a short extract from ...

**steer**

**steering wheel**

What am I pretending to do?

You're pretending to steer a car

And what do we call the thing I'm pretending to hold?

We call ... a steering wheel

**aside**

The word “aside” means “on one side” or “to one side”.

What does the word "aside" mean?

The word ...  
"on one side" or "to one side"

883 Do you put money aside each month to save for any special purpose?

Yes, I put money aside ...  
~ No, I don't put money aside ...

During an evening out with friends, would you have to take somebody aside from the rest of the group if you wanted to speak to them in private?

Yes, during ...  
I'd have to ... if I wanted ...



### Dictation 107

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If you begin to make/ too many enquiries,/ it could be rather risky/ and lead to trouble./ We managed to unscrew/ the lid of the box/ with the point of a knife,/ and, instead of the money/ we had expected to find inside,/ found only a heap of old documents./ On receipt of the information/ given to us by an eyewitness,/ we immediately contacted the police./ Having scraped away all the dirt/ that had collected on the bicycle,/ you can clearly see/ that it is still in excellent condition./ I scratched the back of my head,/ and realized that some kind of trick/ must have been employed/ in order to obtain the licence.