

# LESSON 157

891 **toy**

What was your favourite toy when you were a child?

My favourite ...  
was ...

**attempt**

**mountaineer**

If you attempted to learn another language at the same time as English,  
do you think you'd get confused?

Yes, if I  
attempted ..., I think I'd ...  
~ No, if I attempted ..., I don't think I'd ...

Was Mount Everest conquered at the first attempt?

No, Mount Everest  
wasn't ...; many mountaineers attempted  
to climb it before it was finally conquered

**bow** /bəʊ/

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**bow tie**

**rainbow**

Do men sometimes have to wear bow ties on very formal occasions?

Yes, men sometimes have to ...

What two things do we need for a rainbow to appear?

We need sunshine and drops of water  
in the atmosphere for a rainbow to appear

Name a country where it's common to bow when you're introduced to  
someone in a formal situation.

... is a country where ...

892 **stove**

**run on**

A stove can either be used for heating or for cooking, and can run on gas,  
electricity, wood etc.

What can we use a stove for, and what can it run on?

We can use ...  
and it can run on ...

## cupboard

What kind of things do people keep in their kitchen cupboards?

People keep food, plates, cups, glasses etc. in their kitchen cupboards

## current

Who is the current leader of the government in this country?

The current leader...

## awkward

Is it quite normal to feel awkward during job interviews? Yes, it's quite...

Do you find some corkscrews awkward to use? Yes, I find ... ~ No, I don't find ...

What has been the most awkward moment of your life; that is, the most embarrassing moment? The most awkward ... was ...

## well

What do we call a hole in the ground from which we get water?

We call a hole in ... a well

## 893 fan

What am I doing? You're fanning yourself with your book

Is there an electric fan in this room? Yes, there's ... ~ No, there isn't ...

Are you a fan of any football club? Yes, I'm a fan ... ~ No, I'm not a fan ...

## goat

## horn

## rocky

## hillside

Tell me something about goats, please. Goats have two horns and a beard, they give milk, they often live on mountains or rocky hillsides etc.

## pinch

What am I doing?

You're pinching your arm

What does it mean in a recipe when it says "add a pinch of salt"?

When it says "add ..." in a recipe, it means that you should add a small amount of salt, the amount you can hold between your finger and thumb

## propose

If we put a gerund after the verb "propose", it means "suggest"; if we put an infinitive after it, it means "intend". For example, "I propose going" means the same as "I suggest that we go", whereas "I propose to go" means "I intend to go".

894 What's the difference between "I propose going" and "I propose to go"?

The difference ... is that "I propose going" means the same as "I suggest that we go", whereas "I propose to go" means "I intend to go"

Give me an example of "propose" followed by a gerund, please.

Charles proposed moving the staff to a larger office, but the idea was not popular with the other managers

Give me an example of "propose" followed by an infinitive, please.

When I finish this job, I propose to take a long holiday

## total

## billion

What's the total population of the world?

The total ... about ... billion

## swing – swung – swung

## to and fro

What am I doing?

You're swinging your pen to and fro, holding it between your finger and thumb

What's my pen doing?

Your pen's swinging to and fro



## balloon

## burst

## burst into tears

What am I pretending to do?

You're pretending to blow up a balloon and burst it

What does the expression "burst into tears" mean?

The expression "burst ..." means to start crying suddenly

Give me an example, please.

The little boy burst into tears when he realized his toy was broken

## swell – swelled – swelled (or swell – swelled – swollen)

### swelling

What usually happens to that area of the body where a bee or some other insect has stung us?

That area of the body where ... usually swells up (or becomes swollen)

What do we do with the swelling?

We either do nothing and wait for it to go away by itself, or we put something on it, like a cream or something

What are the three forms of "swell"?

The three forms of "swell" are "swell, swelled, swelled" (or "swell, swelled, swollen")

What happens when a river swells and bursts its banks?

When a river ..., the surrounding land becomes flooded