

LESSON 160

911 Communicating general beliefs and opinions

It is known that dogs are clever

Dogs are known to be clever

Instead of saying "People in general know that dogs are clever", we can say "It is known that dogs are clever" or "Dogs are known to be clever". We can use both these structures with several verbs, such as "say", "believe", "think", "know", "feel", "consider" etc.

What can we say instead of the sentence "People in general know that dogs are clever"?
Instead of .., we can say
"It is known that dogs are clever"
• "Dogs are known to be clever"

What can we say instead of "People say that the President speaks seven languages"?
Instead of .., we can say
"It is said that the President speaks seven languages"
• "The President is said to speak seven languages"

Finish this sentence, please: "It is believed ..."
It is believed that life on Earth began almost four billion years ago

Finish this sentence, please: "My country is considered ..."
My country is considered to be a good place to go for a holiday

chest drawer chest of drawers wardrobe

Where are the heart and lungs situated in the body? The heart and lungs are situated in the chest

912 **A chest is also a large, strong box, usually made of wood, which we use for storing things in, such as clothes, tools, medicine, money etc.**

What's another meaning of the word "chest"? Another meaning of ...

A chest of drawers is a chest with drawers in it. We usually keep clothes in it. A wardrobe is a tall piece of furniture that we hang big pieces of clothing in, like dresses, suits etc.

Do you prefer to fold your T-shirts and keep them in a chest of drawers, or hang them in a wardrobe? I prefer to ...

stock in stock out of stock exceptionally

What do we call a large shop that stocks a wide variety of different types of products? We call ... a department store

When a person of average size goes shopping, are they more likely to find clothes their size in stock than an exceptionally big or small person?

Yes, when a person of ..., they're more likely to ...

What's the opposite of "in stock"?. The opposite is "out of stock"

What's the stock cure for a headache? The stock cure for a headache is to take a painkiller and try to relax

copper

Which metals are most commonly used to make electrical wires? Copper and aluminium are ...

What colour is copper? Copper is a reddish-brown colour

913 **spade**

What do we use a spade for? We use a spade for digging holes in the earth

resort

Do you enjoy staying in big resorts when you go on holiday? Yes, I enjoy ... ~ No, I don't enjoy ...

Why or why not?

brass

What kinds of things are often made of brass? Door handles, locks, keys, and musical instruments are ...

examine

If you went to the doctor complaining of a cough, which part of your body would the doctor examine? If I went ..., the doctor would examine my throat and chest

bucket

If you saw a child walking towards a beach with a bucket and spade in their hand, what would you think they were going to do? If I saw ..., I'd think they were going to build a sandcastle

914 mechanic

mechanical

What kind of work does a mechanic do? A mechanic repairs cars and other machines

What do we mean when we say that somebody does something in a mechanical manner? When we say ..., we mean that they do it like a machine; in other words, without thinking about, or needing to think about, what they're doing

shelter

What's a bus shelter? A bus shelter is a small construction which shelters us from the wind and rain while we are waiting for a bus

avenue

An avenue is a road with trees on either side, or it can be a wide street (with or without trees) with buildings on either side.

What's an avenue? An avenue is a ...

breadth

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

The noun of ... is
"breadth"

915 bundle

A bundle is a number of articles or objects fastened together. For example, a bundle of sticks, or a bundle of clothes.

What's a bundle?

A bundle is a ...

anyhow

The word "anyhow" means the same as "anyway", but it can also mean "carelessly" or "without thinking much". For example, "It doesn't matter how you do it; just do it anyhow".

When you pack a suitcase, do you put everything in just anyhow?

Yes, when I ..., I put ... ~ No,
when I ..., I don't put ...; I pack it carefully

saw

A saw is a tool used for cutting (or sawing) wood, metal etc.

What's a saw?

A saw is a ...

honesty

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

The noun ... is "honesty"

What's the opposite of "honesty"?

The opposite ... is "dishonesty"

dishonesty

916 cottage

What is a cottage?

A cottage is generally thought
of as a small house in the country

flavour

What's your favourite flavour of ice cream?

My favourite ...
is ...

crown

What does a king or queen wear on their head for ceremonial occasions?

A king or queen wears a crown on ...

fur

Fur is the thick, soft hair that covers animals like cats and dogs.

What is fur?

Fur is the thick, soft hair ...

strap

Do you prefer wristwatches with leather straps or metal straps? I prefer
wristwatches ...

Why do people strap themselves into a car?

People strap ...
so that if there is an accident,
they will not be thrown about

917 cushion

Would you be more comfortable at the moment if your seat had a
cushion on it?

Yes, I'd be ... – No, I wouldn't be ...

suck

Is it possible to whistle by sucking instead of blowing?

Yes, it's
possible to ...

At about what age do children usually stop sucking their thumbs?

Children usually stop ... at about ...

extraordinary

Are the clothes that models wear at fashion shows often quite extraordinary?

Yes, the clothes that ...

fate

Do you believe in fate?

Yes, I believe in fate ~ No, I don't believe in fate

Who is responsible for deciding the fate of a criminal in a law court?

The judge and jury are responsible for ...

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Dictation 111

We sat on our caps, on the slightly damp grass, in the shade of a tree, protected from the wind, by a thick hedge. Try to cheer up if you can, because nothing is ever as bad, as it first seems. When humans used to use, bows and arrows for hunting, their aim needed to be excellent. Sometimes I laugh so much, that my jaw begins to ache. No mice had been attracted, by the food in the trap. Remember not to load the gun, until you need to use it. Her failure in the exam, was simply due to lack of effort. Some horror films, are designed to make people scream, as often as possible. The officer with the highest rank, gave the command to attack



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