

LESSON 161

919 in the meantime

If you arrived at an airport and discovered that your flight was delayed for five hours, what would you do in the meantime? If I arrived ...
and ..., I'd ... in the meantime

percentage

per cent

What percentage of the population do you think smokes? I think
about ... per cent of ...

sweep – swept – swept

broom

What do we sweep a floor with? We sweep ... a broom

swallow

choke

What's the danger of letting babies suck small objects like coins and other bits of metal? The danger of ... is that they
might swallow them or choke on them

ounce (oz)

pound (lb)

stone (st)

ton

kilogram (kilo)

tons of

16 ounces = 1 pound

14 pounds = 1 stone

160 stones = 1 ton

920 How many ounces make a pound?

16 ounces make a pound

How many pounds make a stone?

14 pounds make a stone

How many stones make a ton? 160 stones make a ton

How many pounds are there in a kilo? There are 2.2 pounds in a kilo

Would you be unhappy if you had a job that paid you tons of money?
No, I wouldn't ...

neglect

decay

What happens if you neglect to clean your teeth each day? If you neglect ..., they will decay

rate

At what rate do you think the average person walks? I think the ... at about 3 miles (about 5 kilometres) per hour

Why are the pay rates in certain professions very high? The pay rates in ... because the professions involve high levels of skill, risk, responsibility etc.

patience

patient

impatient

Do you agree that patience is a virtue? Yes, I agree that ... ~ No, I don't agree that ...

Do you consider yourself a patient or impatient person? I consider myself ...

921 **refresh**

refreshment

How do you refresh yourself after a long and tiring day? I refresh myself after ... by ...

Are there any refreshments available at this school? Yes, there are some ... ~ No, there aren't any ...

pause

Do you like people who go on talking about themselves without a pause for hours and hours? Yes, I like ... ~ No, I don't like ...

jewel

jewellery

Where are the Crown Jewels kept in London?

The Crown Jewels are kept in the Tower of London

Do women often have a special box to keep their jewellery in?

Yes, women often have ...

delighted

delightful

Which would you be more delighted to win in a competition: a car or a trip around the world?

I'd be more delighted ...

If you spent an absolutely delightful time on holiday somewhere, would you consider going back to the same place the following year?

Yes, if I spent ..., I'd consider ...
~ No, even if I spent ..., I wouldn't consider ...

922 **pressure**

What kinds of things can cause high blood pressure?

The kinds of things that ... are old age, smoking, eating too much salt, drinking alcohol, lack of exercise etc.

absence

What does the expression "Absence makes the heart grow fonder" mean?

The expression "Absence makes ..." means that we feel more fond of someone if we don't see them for a long time

Do you think this is true?

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

repetition

What's the noun of the verb "repeat"?

The noun ... is "repetition"

Is repetition an important part of learning?

Yes, repetition is ...

absolutely

Give me an example of the word “absolutely”, please.

I'm absolutely fed up
with her dishonesty and laziness

923 **spine**

backbone

run

What do we call the bones that run down the middle of the back?

We call ... the spine or backbone

calculate

If I told you my height in feet and inches, would you be able to calculate it in metres and centimetres?

Yes, if you ..., I'd be able to ... ~
No, if you ..., I wouldn't be able to ...

What do we mean when we say someone is calculating?

When we say ..., we mean that they
plan things very carefully in order to get what they
want, without caring how other people might be affected

canal

man-made

shipping

What's the difference between a canal and a river?

The difference ...
is that a canal is man made, whereas a river is natural

Why was the Panama Canal built?

The Panama Canal
was built so that shipping could pass between
the Atlantic Ocean and the Pacific Ocean without
having to go around the southern coast of South America

capital

What do we mean when we talk about capital for starting a business?

When we talk ..., we mean the money
required at the beginning in order to rent a place
(office, shop etc.), furnish it, pay for advertising etc.

Why do children imitate their parents? Children imitate ...
because it's a natural way of learning, and
children like to pretend that they too are grown up

What do young children call adults? Young children call adults
grown-ups

immense

Do you think it's right that certain people should be allowed to possess
immense personal wealth? Yes, I think it's ...
~ No, I don't think it's ...

joy

What's the greatest joy of your daily life? The greatest joy ...

qualify

How long does it take somebody to qualify as a doctor in your country?
It takes somebody about ... years to ...

sacred

Which animal is sacred in India? The cow is sacred in India

sacrifice

Why did people in the old days make sacrifices to the gods?
People in the ... to thank
them, or to make them happy

925 What's the biggest sacrifice you've ever made in your life?
The biggest sacrifice I've ... was ...

instant

Do you always answer emails (or letters) the instant you receive them?

Yes, I always answer ...

~ No, I don't always answer ...

In your opinion, does instant coffee taste as good as fresh coffee?

Yes, in my opinion, instant coffee tastes ...

~ No, in my opinion, instant coffee doesn't taste ...

ornament

purely

Do you believe that every piece of furniture in a house should have a use, or do you believe that certain pieces can be purely ornamental?

I believe that ...

purity

impurity

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

The noun ... is "purity"

Are there too many impurities in the tap water in this area for it to be drunk safely?

Yes, there are ... ~ No, there aren't ...

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Dictation 112

As it was impossible/ to undo all the tight knots,/ we had to light a match/ and burn the coarse string/ to remove it from the parcel./ Jane earnestly regretted/ not having hired a car/ to do the Christmas shopping./ She had walked everywhere,/ and now her feet were sore/ where her new shoes/ had been rubbing./ When ice melts, we get water./ Beyond the town,/ they could see the house/ they had chosen to rent./ From that distance,/ it was just a small dot/ on the side of the mountain./ The bedroom is now totally bare/ except for the blue rug,/ which you are welcome to keep./ The surface of the water/ looked like a sheet of glass/ and the opposite bank/ was veiled in darkness.