

# LESSON 163

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934 **tube**

**squeeze**

Are you the type of person who squeezes a tube of toothpaste in the middle, or do you always squeeze it at the end? I'm the type of person ...

**disgusting**

Do you think that eating with one's mouth open is a disgusting habit?

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

**collar**

What's this?

It's the collar of ...

What do we mean by a white-collar worker?

By a white collar worker, we mean someone who works in an office or other professional environment

**congratulate**

On what kind of occasions do we congratulate people?

We congratulate people when they have won a prize, passed an exam, got married etc.

**solemn**

On what kind of occasions do people speak solemnly?

The kind of occasions ... are funerals, state ceremonies etc.

935 **substance**

**fat**

Which three substances do we need to make pastry?

The three substances that we ... are flour, fat and water

## bay

Why are harbours and ports often built in bays?

Harbours and ... because the sea in a bay is calmer, and it's usually less windy

## structure

## canvas

## waterproof

## nylon

Describe a tent, please.

A tent is a small structure made of waterproof canvas or nylon supported on poles, and is used for sleeping in when we go camping

## despair

Do you despair easily when things are not going well?

Yes, I despair easily ...  
~ No, I don't despair easily ...

## vessel

## blood vessel

**A vessel is any kind of container for liquid, such as a cup, a bottle, a drum etc. We can also call a ship a vessel, and the tubes that carry blood round the body are called blood vessels.**

What is a vessel?

A vessel is any kind ...

## 936 prejudice

What do we mean by prejudice?

By prejudice, we mean an unreasonable opinion about someone or something which we form without knowing what the person or thing is actually like

## purple

Which colour do we get if we mix the colours red and blue together?

If we mix ..., we get purple

## monarchy

What's a monarchy?

A monarchy is a form of government in which the head of state is a monarch such as a king or queen

What's a republic?

A republic is a country that is run by a government elected by the people, and which does not have a monarch

## tune

Do you find that the tunes to certain television commercials stay in your head for a long time?

Yes, I find that ...

~ No, I don't find that ...

## dozen

## dozens of

**If we have a dozen books, for example, it means we have twelve books. If we have dozens of books, it means we have a lot of books.**

937 What do I mean if I say I have a dozen eggs in my fridge?      If you say ..., you mean you have twelve eggs ...

In a popular tourist resort, are there normally dozens of places to eat?

Yes, in a .., there are normally ...

## familiar

Why mustn't an army officer get too familiar with his men?

An army officer mustn't ... because if he becomes a friend, they may not obey him

## inadvisable

Why would it be inadvisable to buy a car without taking it for a test drive first?

It'd be inadvisable to ...

## diamond

Why do we say "diamonds are forever"?

We say .. because they don't wear out, and they seldom lose their value

## **procession**

Why do you think funeral processions move so slowly?

I think funeral processions ...

938 **exaggerate**

When telling stories about things that have happened to them, do some people exaggerate in order to make the stories more interesting?

Yes, when telling ..., some people ...

## **modest**

## **luxury**

What do we mean by a modest lifestyle?

By a modest lifestyle, we mean a lifestyle without a lot of luxury

What do we mean by a modest person?

By a modest person, we mean someone who doesn't boast about, or exaggerate, his achievements

## **reputation**

How can a hotel or restaurant develop a bad reputation?

A hotel or restaurant can ... by treating its customers badly, overcharging them, providing a poor service etc.

## **conscience**

What do we mean if we say we have a guilty conscience?

If we say ..., we mean that we have done something wrong and are worried about it. Usually we have not been found out or punished, but we still feel uncomfortable about it.

## **suspect** /sə'spekt/

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What do the police do when they suspect someone of committing crimes but have no proof?

When the police suspect ..., they follow them to see where they go and what they do

939 And what do we call the person that the police suspect?

We call ... a suspect

## **exchange**

What's the exchange rate between the British pound and the currency used in your country?

The exchange rate between ... is ...

Is there anything you own that you wouldn't exchange for all the world?

Yes, there's something ...  
~ No, there isn't anything ...

What? Why?

## **programme**

When you go on holiday, do you like to have an organized programme of activities for each day?

Yes, when I go on holiday, I like ... ~ No, when I go on holiday, I don't like ...

When you attend an event like a theatre performance or a football match, do you buy a programme and keep it as a souvenir?

Yes, when I attend ..., I buy ...  
~ No, when I attend ..., I don't buy ...

## **cut down (on)**

Is there anything that you eat or drink that you know you should cut down on?

Yes, there's something ...  
~ No, there isn't anything ...

What? Why?

## 940 **prompt**

In an expensive restaurant, do you expect the service to be prompt?

Yes, in an expensive restaurant, I expect ...

## **motor**

Name a piece of kitchen equipment that has a motor inside?

A washing machine (or microwave oven etc.) has a motor inside

## suspicion

Can the police in your country arrest a person just on suspicion?

Yes, the police in my country can ...

~ No, the police in my country can't ...

## multiply

Multiply 30 by 3, please.

30 multiplied by 3 equals 90



### Dictation 114

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The opposing team came onto the field,/ and the crowd applauded and cheered./  
Within minutes, there was more clapping/ as the ball hit the back of the net./  
The film began to drag a little,/ and then, to my annoyance,/ the couple in front started  
chatting./ As the storm approaches us,/ the delay between the flash of lightning/  
and the crack of thunder/ will become scarcely noticeable./ Please be very careful/  
to wipe your shoes on the mat/ before entering the house./ The match has been  
postponed/ because the ground is far too muddy./ Fortunately, I have a spare  
raincoat/ which I can lend you for the trip./ After leaving the theatre,/ we signalled  
for a taxi/ to take us home.