

LESSON 37

190 **wasn't**

weren't

The negative of "I was" is "I was not" or "I wasn't", whilst the negative of "you were" is "you were not" or "you weren't".

What's the negative of "I was"?

The negative of "I was" is "I wasn't"

What's the negative of "you were"?

The negative of "you were" is "you weren't"

Was I at this school fifty years ago?

No, you weren't at this school fifty years ago

Were you here a hundred years ago?

No, I wasn't here a hundred years ago

Was he/she in a different classroom last lesson?

No, he/she wasn't in a different classroom last lesson

Were we in this world ninety years ago?

No, we weren't in this world ninety years ago

Were they outside the classroom during the last lesson?

No, they weren't outside the classroom during the last lesson; they were inside

191 **field**

Are there any fields near where you live?

Yes, there are some fields near where I live ~ No, there aren't any fields near where I live

increase

Is the number of people in your town (or village or city) always increasing?

Yes, the number of people in my town (or village or city) is always increasing

battle

war

Are there a lot of battles in a war?

Yes, there are a lot of battles in a war

Were there a lot of battles in Europe during the Second World War?

Yes, there were a lot of battles in Europe during the Second World War

over

contact

object

We say "over" when there is no contact between the two objects. For example, my right hand is over the pen, and my left hand is over the table. When there is contact between the two objects, we say "over" when one object covers the other completely, and "on" when it does not cover it completely. For example, now, my right hand is over the pen, but my left hand is on the table.

192 Where's my left hand?

Your left hand's over the table

Where's my right hand?

Your right hand's over the pen

Where's my left hand, now?

Your left hand's on the table, now

Where's my right hand, now?

Your right hand's over the pen, now

Why do we say my left hand is on the table, but my right hand is over the pen?

We say your left hand is on the table, but your right hand is over the pen, because your left hand is not covering the table completely, whereas your right hand is covering the pen completely

What's over our heads?

The ceiling's over our heads

What's over this building?

The sky's over this building

Put your right hand over your pen (either with or without contact).

What's he/she doing?

He's/She's putting his/her right hand over his/her pen

Put your right hand over your mouth.

Where's his/her right hand?

His/Her right hand is over his/her mouth

idea

Do you think it's a bad idea to go to England if you want to learn English well?

No, I don't think it's a bad idea to go to England if I want to learn English well; I think it's a good idea

193 Do you think it's a good idea to learn some English before going to England?

Yes, I think it's a good idea to learn some English before going to England

often

rarely

theatre

Does it often snow in the warm countries of the world?

No, it doesn't often snow in the warm countries of the world; it rarely snows in the warm countries of the world

Is it very often cold in Africa?

No, it isn't very often cold in Africa; it's very rarely cold in Africa

Do you often go to the theatre?

Yes, I often go to the theatre ~ No, I don't often go to the theatre; I rarely go to the theatre

Does the sun often shine in the north of Europe in winter?

No, the sun doesn't often shine in the north of Europe in winter; it rarely shines

understand

exactly

I am sorry

Do you understand two people when they speak very quickly in English?

No, I don't understand two people when they speak very quickly in English

Do you understand everything I say during the lesson?

No, I don't understand everything you say during the lesson, but I understand nearly everything you say

194 If the first time you don't understand a question the teacher asks you, what must you do?

If the first time I don't understand a question the teacher asks me, I must ask him/her to repeat it

What exactly do you say to him/her?

I say "I'm sorry. I don't understand the question. Will you repeat it, please?"

stop

Do you think it's easy to stop smoking?

Yes, I think it's easy to stop smoking ~ No, I don't think it's easy to stop smoking



Dictation 18

What will tomorrow be?/ I don't want anything to eat/ at the moment./ The lesson begins at six o'clock/ and ends at ten to seven./ Those glasses aren't cheap,/ but expensive./ We're inside a building/ and can hear the cars outside./ Put the flowers/ into some water, please./ My mum prefers milk for breakfast/ but wine for lunch./ I hate some food, but most food I love./ We have dinner most evenings with friends.