

nature

Do you think nature is always beautiful?

Yes, I think nature is always beautiful ~ No, I don't think nature is always beautiful

price

What is the price of a meal in a very cheap restaurant in the place where you live?

The price of a meal in a very cheap restaurant in the place where I live is about ...

bush

Is a bush higher (or taller) than a tree?

No, a bush isn't higher (or taller) than a tree; it's lower (or shorter) than a tree

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worth

to be worth

value

What does it mean if I say "This book is worth £5"?

If you say that book is worth £5, it means that you can sell it for £5, or that it has a value of £5

How much did your watch cost?

My watch cost ...

When did you buy it?

I bought it ...

About how much do you think it's worth now?

I think it's worth about ... now

Are your shoes worth as much now as they were when you bought them?

No, my shoes aren't worth as much now as they were when I bought them; they're worth less now than they were when I bought them

How much do you think this is worth?

I think that's worth about ...

Worth + -ing (gerund)

If we say that something is 'worth doing', we mean that it is better to do it than not do it. For example, if you live in a very rainy country, it is worth buying an umbrella. If you live in a very sunny country, it is not worth buying an umbrella.

Do you think it's worth paying lots of money for clothes?

Yes, I think it's worth paying lots of money for clothes ~ No, I don't think it's worth paying lots of money for clothes

235 Do you think it's worth studying the language of another country?

Yes, I think it's worth studying the language of another country

Do you think it's worth buying an umbrella if you live in a country where it only rains about once a month?

No, I don't think it's worth buying an umbrella if I live in a country where it only rains about once a month

Do you think it's worth taking an umbrella with you on a rainy day?

Yes, I think it's worth taking an umbrella with me on a rainy day

hard

soft

What are the three meanings of the word "hard"?

The three meanings of the word "hard" are "difficult", "very much", and the opposite of "soft"

Is Chinese an easy language to learn?

No, Chinese isn't an easy language to learn; it's a hard language to learn

Is English grammar hard?

No, English grammar isn't hard; it's easy

Do you work very hard?

Yes, I work very hard ~ No, I don't work very hard; I work very little

Do you think you generally work harder than your parents?

Yes, I think I generally work harder than my parents ~ No, I don't think I generally work harder than my parents; I think I work less than my parents (or less hard than my parents)

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No, your hand isn't hard; it's soft

Is the floor soft?

No, the floor isn't soft; it's hard



Dictation 24

I arrive at eight o'clock,/ study one hour,/ and leave at nine./ During the day/ we can see the sun in the sky,/ whilst during the night/ we can see the moon and the stars./ Paris is not by the sea,/ but inland./ He cut his finger;/ not once, not twice, but three times./ They cannot lift the table/ on their backs./ The four seasons are/ spring, summer, autumn and winter./ He does not follow the teacher/ into the room,/ but he precedes him.