

LESSON 53

274 **age**

marry

get married

At what age did you begin school?

I began school
at the age of ...

Which do you think is the best age for a person to get married?

I think the best age for a
person to get married is about ...

Which do you think was the best age in history to live in?

I think ... was
the best age in history to live in

Do people sometimes marry too young?

Yes, people sometimes
marry too young

average

How much does the average meal cost in the average restaurant in the place where you live?

The average meal
costs about ... in the average
restaurant in the place where I live

What's the average number of hours a day that people work in this country?

The average number of hours
a day that people work in this country is about ...

About how many floors has the average building in this street got?

The average building in
this street's got about ... floors

275 **thick**

thin

Is this piece of paper thick?

No, that piece of
paper isn't thick; it's thin

Is your book thinner than the glass in the window?

No, my book
isn't thinner than the
glass in the window; it's thicker

big

little

What words can we use instead of the words “large” and “small”?

We can use the words “big” and “little” instead of the words “large” and “small”

Switzerland

Generally, we use “small” instead of “little” to form the comparative and superlative; we say “smaller” and “smallest” and not “littler” and “littlest”, because they are easier to pronounce.

Do we generally say “littler” and “littlest”?

No, we don't generally say “littler” and “littlest”

What do we use instead?

We use “smaller” and “smallest” instead

Why?

Because they're easier to pronounce

Is Switzerland a bigger country than India?

No, Switzerland isn't a bigger country than India; it's a smaller country than India

276 Is this a little room we're in?

Yes, this is a little room we're in ~ No, this isn't a little room we're in; it's a big room

purse

wallet

usually

What's the difference between a purse and a wallet?

The difference between a purse and a wallet is that women generally have purses and men generally have wallets

What does a man carry in his wallet?

A man carries his cash and cards in his wallet

lose

find

policeman

Do you ever lose your money?

Yes, I sometimes lose my money ~ No, I never lose my money

If you lose your way in a large city, what do you do?

If I lose my way in a large city, I ask a policeman

Which do you think it's worse to lose, your keys or your purse/wallet?

I think it's worse to lose my ...

What's the opposite of the verb "to lose"?

The opposite of the verb "to lose" is "to find"

If you find something in the street, what do you do with it?

If I find something in the street, I ...

How do you feel if you lose something and then find it again?

I feel happy if I lose something and then find it again

277 "Find" + somebody/something + adjective

Instead of saying "I think English is easy", we can say "I find English easy".
Instead of "I think John is impolite", we can say "I find John impolite".

Do you find English easy to learn?

Yes, I find English easy to learn ~ No, I don't find English easy to learn; I find it difficult

Do you find maps difficult to read?

Yes, I find maps difficult to read ~ No, I don't find maps difficult to read; I find them easy to read

to be angry

"Make" + somebody/something + adjective

Do you get angry very easily?

Yes, I get angry very easily ~ No, I don't get angry very easily

What kind of things make you angry?

The kind of things that make me angry are when things go wrong, when people are making too much noise etc.

What do you do when you're angry?

When I'm angry, I go for a walk, I say nothing etc.

Do you feel hungry at the moment?

Yes, I feel hungry at the moment ~ No, I don't feel hungry at the moment

What do you do when you feel hungry?

I eat when I feel hungry

Which do you prefer: fish or meat?

I prefer ...

Can you swim?

Yes, I can swim ~ No, I can't swim

What does it mean "to swim like a fish"?

"To swim like a fish"
means to be a strong swimmer

Do you prefer swimming in the sea or in a swimming pool?

I prefer swimming in ...

What do we call the two ends of a swimming pool?

We call the two
ends of a swimming pool
the shallow end and the deep end



Dictation 30

There are nearly always/ a lot of clouds/ in the sky,/ and sometimes it rains./
"Quick" is an adjective;/ "quickly" is an adverb./ I often forget people's names./
However, I rarely forget/ a person's face./ I remember that/ the plural of wife is
wives./ Excuse me,/ can you repeat the question please?/ We say "over"/ when
there is no contact/ between the two objects,/ or when one object/ completely
covers the other./ They're both very quick writers./ He does not understand the
idea exactly./ He decided to explain everything/ to his friends and relatives.