

# LESSON 58

## 299 **song**

Can you understand all the words when you listen to a song in English?

No, I can't understand all the words when I listen to a song in English

**fun**

**funny**

What's the difference between the words "fun" and "funny"?

The difference between the words "fun" and "funny" is that if something is fun, we enjoy it, whereas if something is funny, it makes us laugh.

Do you sometimes go shopping with your friends at the weekend for fun?

Yes, I sometimes go shopping with my friends at the weekend for fun ~ No, I never go shopping with my friends at the weekend for fun

What's the funniest film you've ever seen?

... is the funniest film I've ever seen

## 300 **The three forms of some important verbs**

have – had – had

am able – was able – been able

begin – began – begun

know – knew – known

swim – swam – swum

take – took – taken

shake – shook – shaken

write – wrote – written

forget – forgot – forgotten

break – broke – broken

eat – ate – eaten

Have you had your lunch today? Yes, I've had my lunch today ~  
No, I haven't had my lunch today

Have you always been able to speak English as well as you speak it now?  
No, I haven't always been able  
to speak English as well as I speak it now

Has the spring (or summer, autumn or winter) begun? No, the spring  
(or summer, autumn or winter) hasn't begun

Have you ever known anybody who could speak more than five  
languages? Yes, I've known somebody who could  
speak more than five languages ~ No, I've never  
known anybody who could speak more than five languages

301 What's the furthest you've ever swum? The furthest  
I've ever swum is ...

## simply

Is it possible to learn English simply by listening to English songs?  
No, it isn't possible to learn English  
simply by listening to English songs

## by mistake

Have you ever taken things that weren't yours by mistake?  
Yes, I've sometimes taken things  
that weren't mine by mistake ~ No, I've  
never taken things that weren't mine by mistake

Have you shaken anybody's hand today? Yes, I've shaken  
somebody's hand today ~ No,  
I haven't shaken anybody's hand today

Have you written anything this lesson? Yes, I've written  
something this lesson ~ No,  
I haven't written anything this lesson

## if

## whether

## doubt

The word "whether" means the same as "if". We usually use "whether" when we have a doubt and say, for example, "I don't know whether it'll rain tomorrow" or "Can you tell me whether he is in his office, please?" or "I can't decide whether it's a good idea to go there".

What does the “whether” mean and when do we generally use it?

The word “whether” means the same as “if” and we generally use it when we express a doubt

302 Give me an example, please.

I don't know whether he can speak English or not

Do you know whether I have any money in my pocket?

No, I don't know whether you have any money in your pocket

Do you have any idea whether they speak German or not?

No, I don't have any idea whether they speak German or not

Can you tell me whether it'll rain tomorrow or not?

No, I can't tell you whether it'll rain tomorrow or not

**We also use “whether” when two possible actions have the same result. For example, if I go to France for my holiday, I will have a good time. Also, if I go to Spain for my holiday, I will have a good time. Therefore, I can say “Whether I go to France or Spain for my holiday, I will have a good time”.**

What's another use of the word “whether”?

Another use of the word “whether” is when two possible actions have the same result

Give me an example, please.

Whether it rains tomorrow or not, I'll go for a walk

What's the difference between these two sentences?

“I'm going to buy the car if it's cheap”

and

“I'm going to buy the car whether it's cheap or not”

The difference between these two sentences is that the first sentence means I'm going to buy the car only if it's cheap, whereas the second sentence means I'm going to buy the car if it's cheap or expensive; the price is not important.

What is the highest speed a car can go when in town in this country?

The highest speed a car can go  
when in town in this country is ...

### **surprise**

Do you like unpleasant surprises?

No, I don't like  
unpleasant surprises

Does it surprise you when somebody from another country speaks your  
language well?

Yes, it surprises me  
when somebody from another  
country speaks my language well

### **struggle**

Is it a big struggle for you to get up on a cold winter's morning when you  
feel very tired?

Yes, it's a big struggle  
for me to get up on a cold  
winter's morning when I feel very tired

Do you sometimes struggle to understand people when they speak  
English quickly?

Yes, I sometimes  
struggle to understand people  
when they speak English quickly



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