

# LESSON 63

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327    **clean**                      **dirty**                      **dirt**                      **know of**

Are the bottoms of your shoes clean?                      No, the bottoms of my shoes aren't clean; they're dirty

When our shoes are dirty, what should we do?                      When our shoes are dirty, we should clean them

Which do you think is the cleanest city you know of?                      I think ... is the cleanest city I know of

And which do you think is the dirtiest?                      I think ... is the dirtiest

Which do you think is less unpleasant: the dirt of the city or the dirt of the country, of the farm etc.?  
I think the dirt of the ... is less unpleasant than the dirt of the ...

## to be afraid

Do you remember if you were afraid of the dark when you were a little child?  
Yes, I remember I was afraid of the dark when I was a little child ~ No, I don't remember if I was afraid of the dark when I was a little child

Would you be afraid to go round the world in a small, open boat?  
Yes, I would be afraid ...  
~ No, I wouldn't be afraid ...

Do people shake when they feel very afraid?                      Yes, people shake ...

328    **guard**                      **on your guard**                      **off your guard**

What's the best way to guard against becoming ill?                      The best way ... is to eat healthy food, sleep well and do exercise

Must we be on our guard when we buy something from a man selling things in the street?                      Yes, we must be ..

Why?  
Because maybe we won't be able to find him again if there's a problem with the thing we've bought

What's the opposite of "on your guard"?

The opposite of  
"on your guard" is "off your guard"

**calm**

**quietly**

What's the best way to calm somebody down when he's very angry?

The best way ... is to speak  
quietly and pleasantly to him

Are we having calm weather at the moment?

Yes, we're having ...  
~ No, we aren't having ...

**if I were**

**king**

**person** (1st, 2nd person etc.)

In the 2nd conditional, we can use the verb "to be" in the past simple and say "if I was", "if you were", "if he was" etc. or we can use "were" for all persons and say "if I were", "if you were", "if he were" etc. The second form is perhaps more common.

What are the two ways of forming the 2nd conditional with the verb "to be"?

The two ways of forming  
the 2nd conditional with the verb  
"to be" are "if I was" and "if I were"

329 If you were a millionaire, where would you live?

If I were ...,  
I would live in ...

**Why?**

If I were you, which language would I speak?

If you were me,  
you would speak ...

If you were a king, what would your wife be called?

If I were a king,  
my wife would be called a queen

If there wasn't a light in this room, would we be able to see well when it got dark?

No, if there wasn't ...,  
we wouldn't ...; we would see badly

If there weren't any food in the world, would we all die?

Yes, if there  
weren't ..., we would all die

If you weren't you, who would you like to be?

If I weren't  
me, I would like to be ...

**Why?**

**if I were you      advice      expression      especially**

**We say "if I were you" when we want to give advice to somebody, especially when we think perhaps there is a problem. For example, "If I were you, I would go to see a doctor" or "I wouldn't open that door if I were you!"**

Can we use the expression "if I were you" to give advice to somebody?  
Yes, we can use the expression ...

Give me an example, please  
"If I were you, I would eat more vegetables" or "I wouldn't buy that car if I were you!"

330 What's the biggest problem in your life at the moment?      The biggest problem in my life at the moment is ...

Give him/her some advice, please.      If I were you, I would ...

**win – won – won      lottery**

What's another opposite of the verb "lose" besides "find"?  
Another opposite ... is "win"

What are the three forms of "win"?  
The three forms of "win" are "win, won, won"

Does your country usually win at football?  
Yes, my country ...  
~ No, my country ...; it usually loses

Do you do the lottery?  
Yes, I do the lottery  
~ No, I don't do the lottery

Have you ever won?  
Yes, I've won ~ No, I've never won

If you won a million pounds, what would you do with it?  
If I won ..., I would ...

**useful      useless      possess**

Is this pen useless?  
No, this pen isn't useless; it's useful

What do we do with useless things?  
We throw useless things away

What are the two most useful things you possess?  
The two most useful things I possess are ...

331 Do you think that what you're learning now will be useful to you later on in life?

Yes, I think that what I'm learning now will be useful to me later on in life

Why?

Because it will help me get work, and speak to people from other countries

## take by surprise



### Dictation 38

In the struggle,/ the enemy were surrounded/ at great speed/ and were taken by surprise/ without their swords/ in their hands./ I won't buy him/ a newspaper again./ Fetch me the salad bowl, please./ He is sorry that he sold his old house,/ which was in a quiet road./ The house he has now/ is in a very noisy street,/ and so he must try/ and find another,/ if possible.