

LESSON 68

356 **would you say**

opinion

We use the expression "would you say" when we ask somebody for his opinion about something. It means "Do you think ... ?"

When do we use the expression "would you say"?

We use the expression ...

Would you say that a king's life was better than that of the average man?

Yes, I'd say ... ~ No, I wouldn't say ...

Notice that we use the past tense after "would you say", because it is part of a conditional construction.

Which tense do we use after the expression "would you say"?

We use the past tense after ...

What would you say was the best way to remember something?

I'd say that the best ... was to repeat it often

"Look" + adjective

If the sky looks dark and cloudy, do you sometimes decide not to go out?

Yes, if the sky ..., I sometimes ...

When your shoes look dirty, what do you do?

When my shoes ..., I clean them

357 **get in**

get out of

get on

get off

taxi

fare

We get in/into a car, but we get on/onto a bus, a train, a plane or a ship.

We get out of a car, but we get off a bus, a train, a plane or a ship.

Do we pay the driver when we get in a taxi?

No, we don't ...; we pay when we get out of a taxi

In your country, do you have to buy a ticket before getting on a bus?

Yes, in my country, you have to ...

~ No, in my country, you don't have to ...; you can just pay when you get on

How much is the bus fare from here to where you live?

The bus fare ... where I live is ...

royal

Has your country got a royal family?

Yes, my country's got ...

~ No, my country hasn't got ...

mud

countryside

How do we get mud on our shoes?

We get mud ... by walking in the countryside in the rain

crowd

crowded

Are famous actors often surrounded by crowds when they go out in public?

Yes, famous actors are ...

Are the buses in this town usually crowded in the morning?

Yes, the buses ... ~ No, the buses ...

358 **captain**

team

Have you ever been the captain of a sports team?

Yes, I've been ... ~

No, I've never been ...

Tell me the name of a famous sea captain.

The name of ... is Captain Cook/Nemo etc.

wide

narrow

Which is the widest street in the place where you live, and which is the narrowest?

... is the widest street in ...,

and ... is the narrowest

flag

national

What colour is the flag of your country?

The flag of my country is ...

Do you know the origin of your national flag?

Yes, I know ...

~ No, I don't know ...

grass

live on

If we say "John lives on pasta", we mean that John only eats pasta.

Name an animal that lives on grass.

A horse is an animal ...

What happens to grass if there's no rain?

If there's no rain, grass becomes yellow and then it dies

359 **tower**

Where is the nearest tower to the place where you live?

The nearest tower ... I live is ...

wet

dry

Are the streets dry when it rains?

No, the streets aren't ...; they're wet

If you walked in the rain without an umbrella, what'd happen?

If I walked ..., I'd get wet

If you got wet, what'd you have to do with your clothes?

If I got wet, I'd have to take my clothes off and hang them up to dry

threw

What's the past of "throw"?

The past of "throw" is "threw"

What'd happen if I threw a stone at the window?

If you threw ..., the window'd break

loud

turn up

turn down

If your TV is turned up too loud, what do you do?

If my TV ..., I turn it down

360 **Reflexive pronouns**

myself

yourself

himself

herself

itself

oneself

ourselves

yourselves

themselves

consequently

protect

We use a reflexive pronoun when the subject and object are the same person or thing. In the sentence "The teacher taught me", the subject and the object are different people. In the sentence "I taught myself", the subject and the object are the same person. Consequently, we use the reflexive pronoun "myself" as the object.

What are the reflexive pronouns?

The reflexive pronouns are "myself", "yourself", "himself", "herself", "itself", "oneself", "ourselves", "yourselves" and "themselves"

When do we use a reflexive pronoun?

We use a reflexive pronoun when the subject and object are the same person or thing

Is it right to say "I looked at me in the mirror"?

No, it isn't right ...

Why not?

Because the subject and object are the same person

What must we say instead?

We must say "I looked at myself in the mirror" instead

Do you think it'd be easy for me to teach myself Chinese (Arabic etc.)?

No, I don't think ... for you to teach yourself ...

Why not?

Because ... is a difficult language to learn

361 Did you wash yourself when you were a baby?

No, I didn't wash myself when I was a baby; my mother washed me

What'd you do if you saw a man trying to kill himself?

If I saw ... I'd try to stop him or call the police

Have you ever seen a bird washing itself?

Yes, I've seen ...
~ No, I've never seen ...

Do you think one can teach oneself a language?

Yes, I think ...
~ No, I don't think ...

What do we carry to protect ourselves from the rain?

We carry an umbrella to protect ...

