

LESSON 93

494 **by**

by the time

When we are speaking about time, the word "by" can mean "at some point before" or "not later than". For example, "I will be home by midnight" means that I will arrive home at some point before midnight, or possibly at midnight, but certainly not later than midnight.

Give me a sentence containing the words "by the time". By the time she gets here, dinner will be ready

What does "by the time" mean in that sentence? "By the time" in that sentence means at some point between now and when she gets here

By the time you are ninety years old, do you suppose your hair will be grey? Yes, by the time I'm ninety years old, I suppose my ...

Will your English have improved by this time next month? Yes, my English will ...

as well as

Can you speak English as well as you speak your own language? No, I can't speak English as well as I speak my own language; I speak it worse than my own language

Do you take English lessons on Sunday as well as during the week? Yes, I take ... ~ No, I don't take...

What does that last question mean in other words? That last question means "You take English lessons during the week, but do you also take English lessons on Sunday?"

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eldest

We generally use the words "elder" and "eldest" instead of "older" and "oldest" when speaking about people in the same family. However, we cannot say "elder than". For example, we cannot say "My sister is elder than me"; we must say "My sister is older than me".

What's the difference between the words "older" and "elder"?

The difference between ... is that we generally use the word "elder" when speaking about people in the same family, and we cannot say "elder than"

Have you got an elder brother?

Yes, I've got ... ~ No, I haven't got ...

Are you the eldest in your family?

Yes, I'm ...
~ No, I'm not ...

Who is?

let rent advertise in exchange for

The difference between "to let" and "to rent" is that "to let" means to lend something in exchange for money, whereas "to rent" means to borrow something in exchange for money.

What's the difference between "to let" and "to rent"? The difference between "to let" and "to rent" ...

Supposing you had a house or a flat to let, how would you advertise it?

Supposing I had ..., I'd advertise it in the newspaper or on the internet

What's the average monthly rent for a small flat in this town?

The average ... is ...

496 How much does it cost to rent a car for one day in this town? It costs about ...

Do you ever rent DVDs to watch at home?

Yes, I sometimes ...
~ No, I never ...

We can sometimes say "to rent out", instead of "to let".

Is it common in your country for people to rent out rooms in their house – to students, for example?

Yes, it's common in my country ...
~ No, it isn't common in my country ...

fallen

What are the three forms of "fall"?

The three forms of "fall" are "fall, fell, fallen"

Have you ever fallen out of bed in the middle of the night?

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

chose

What's the past of the verb "to choose"?

The past of
the verb "to choose" is "chose"

Did you choose the clothes you're wearing yourself?

Yes, I chose the clothes I'm wearing
myself ~ No, I didn't choose the clothes I'm
wearing myself; someone else chose them for me

such a ...

Why do you suppose football is such a popular game?

I suppose
football is such a popular game because ...

497 Why is a desert such a difficult place to live in?

A desert is ... because
there is so little water

provide

providing

provided

ghost

Is a soldier's uniform provided for him by the government?

Yes, a
soldier's uniform is ...

How do parents provide for their children?

Parents ... by making
sure they have all the things they need in life

If you had just bought a house and then someone told you there was
a ghost in it, what would you do, providing, of course, you believed in
ghosts?

If I had just bought a house and
then someone told me there was a
ghost in it, I'd ..., providing I believed in ghosts

In that last sentence, instead of using the word "providing", we could
have used "provided". Both forms have the same meaning.

straight

Are you going to go straight home after the lesson?

Yes, I'm going
to go ... ~ No, I'm not going to go ...

If you came to some crossroads while driving a car and, instead of stopping, you kept straight on, what might happen? If I came to ...
I kept straight on,
an accident might happen

consist

How many days does a fortnight consist of? A fortnight
consists of fourteen days

498 place

Why do we have to place an egg carefully on the table? We have to ...
because it could easily break

commence

academic

In which month does the academic year commence in your country?
The academic year ... in my country

colony



Dictation 59

The plural of mouse is mice./ He got a bad throat/ from speaking too much./ The colonies in America/ later developed/ into a large nation./ The TV was too loud,/ so we turned it down./ They just could not understand/ the reason for their tiredness./ Some people like living alone;/ others hate it./ In my opinion,/ the kitchen is too small./ There were several copies of the book/ in the library./ I cannot cycle any further;/ I am too tired.