

LESSON 164

STAGE 11

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941 **bump** **bumpy** **bump into (run into)**

Do very tall people have to be careful not to bump their heads when they go through doorways? Yes, very tall ...

Is the road outside this building bumpy? Yes, ... ~ No, ...

Do you often bump into (run into) friends of yours when you're walking around town? Yes, ... ~ No, ...

incredible

odds

Name a recent scientific advance that you think is absolutely incredible? I think ...

Why do you think lottery tickets sell in such large numbers in spite of the fact that the odds of winning are so incredibly small? I suppose ... in spite of the fact ... because ...

globe

global warming

major

minor

majority

minority

Name me a sporting event that's watched around the globe. ... is a sporting event ...

Do you consider global warming a major or minor problem? I consider ...

942 And do you think the majority of people agree with your view, or only a minority? I think ...

pedal

adjust

ensure

What do we rest our feet on when we're riding a bicycle? We rest ... pedals ...

In a car, what do we have to adjust to ensure our feet can rest on the pedals easily? In a car, we have to adjust the seat to ensure ...

Why should we always ensure that our spelling is correct before sending an email at work?

We should ... because poor spelling can make a bad impression on people

make it

amateur

If you had a train to catch from the nearest station in ten minutes' time, do you reckon you could make it if you left right now? Yes, if ..., I think I could ... ~ No, if ..., I don't think I could ...

What percentage of amateur actors do you reckon manage to make it professionally? I reckon ... of amateur ... professionally

album

folder

release

What's a photo album? A photo album is a folder or book containing photographs

Is there any band whose albums you buy as soon as they're released? Yes, ... ~ No, ...

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aware

go on

What does one have to do if one wishes to be aware of what's going on in the world? If one wishes to be ..., one has to ...

import

export

commodity

growth

economy

Is oil a commodity that this country mostly imports or exports? Oil is ...

Why is a growth in exports good for a country? A growth ... it strengthens the economy of the country

issue

on a ... basis

filthy

What, in your opinion, are the most serious issues facing mankind at the moment? In my opinion, the most ...

Do most magazines produce new issues on a weekly or monthly basis? Most ... on a monthly basis

Why does the government have to issue new banknotes on a regular basis? The government ... the old ones get filthy and torn

grand

magnificent

dress up

What do we mean by a grand occasion? By ..., we mean a large and magnificent event such as a big wedding

Do the guests at such events dress up? Yes, ...

944 Have you ever gone to a party dressed up as a famous person or character? Yes, ... ~ No, ...

Who?

bet

Do you think online betting should be legal or illegal? I think ...

plug

drill

What are the two common types of plug? The two ... a plug in a bath or sink, and an electrical plug

If you accidentally drilled through a water pipe in your house, how could you plug the hole until the plumber arrived? If I ..., ... by using special tape, a piece of cloth etc.

Do you plug in your mobile every night to charge it? Yes, ... ~ No, ...

What's the opposite of the verb "plug in"? The opposite ... "unplug"

option

Do you personally find online shopping a more and more attractive option these days? Yes, ... ~ No, ...

target

locate

Do people working in sales often have targets they have to meet each month? Yes, ...

945 If you were opening a clothes shop in this town and wanted to target young adults, whereabouts would you locate it? If I were ..., ...

Phrasal verb

The English language contains many phrasal verbs. A phrasal verb is a phrase consisting of a verb with one or two other words after it. The meaning of a phrasal verb is often not clear at all from simply looking at the verb. One example of this is "give up", meaning to stop a habit. The meaning has no obvious connection with the idea of giving – you need to learn it separately. Other examples of phrasal verbs are "get along with", meaning to have a good relationship with someone, and "set up", meaning to start an organization.

In Stage 11 of the Callan Method, there are a lot of common phrasal verbs. You should learn them in exactly the same way that you would learn any other word or expression in the language. Do not waste time trying to find a connection between the meaning of the verb and the meaning of the phrasal verb.

Give me an example of a phrasal verb, please.

... "give up" ... "get along with" ... "set up" etc.

end up

What percentage of the food you buy do you reckon ends up in the bin?

I reckon ...

authority

resent

topic

Why do you think some people resent those in authority, such as the government, the police and bosses?

I think ... because ...

Would you say you were an authority on any particular topic?

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

946 **positive**

Are you positive you shut your door properly when you left home today?

Yes, ... ~ No, ...

call for

violence

If you were planning to see a film with a friend who lived close to the cinema, would you arrange to call for them on the way to the cinema or meet them there?

If I were planning to ..., I'd ...

In your view, are tougher laws called for in this country to deal with violence in society? Yes, in my view, ... ~ No, in my view, ...

significant

Would a gift of £1,000 make a significant difference to your lifestyle? Yes, a gift ... ~ No, a gift ...

at peace

At what time of the day do you feel most at peace with the world? I feel most ...

encounter

Did you encounter any problems on your way here today? Yes, I encountered ... ~ No, I didn't encounter ...

947 **after all**

Give me an example of "after all" used to express that something eventually happened even though we thought it was not going to happen. I was convinced she wouldn't arrive in time for the wedding ceremony but she made it after all

call off

When an event you've been looking forward to is called off, how do you feel? When an event ... called off, I feel ...

medium

How many bedrooms does a medium-sized house in this town have? A medium-sized house ...

lane

motorway

overtake

What should the outside lane on a motorway be used for? The outside lane ... for overtaking

dash

cut short

What do people mean during a conversation when they say "Sorry, I must dash"?

When people say ..., they mean they have to leave in a hurry and so cut short the conversation

948 since

Give me a sentence with the word "since" used with the meaning of "because".

We'll have to do the job ourselves, since it seems impossible to find anyone else to do it for us

Phrase exercise 1

From the four options given with each sentence, choose the one word that fits correctly in the gap.

- 1 Just call me on my mobile if you find yourself ... difficulty at all.
(a / with / some / in)
- 2 The Italian and Spanish languages are ... related; they both come from Latin.
(closely / greatly / nearly / similarly)
- 3 I don't ... anything against inviting our landlord to the party; I just think it's unusual.
(say / hold / have / do)
- 4 I was left ... when John told me his new plans for the business.
(speechless / voiceless / hopeless / useless)
- 5 I was so sure Sophie was perfect for this job, but it ... I was wrong.
(is appearing / has appeared / would appear / can appear)
- 6 I've met your boyfriend before, actually; ... it happens, we used to go to the same school.
(so / as / like / if)
- 7 The flat was on the small ... but he decided it was worth buying anyway.
(sort / side / sale / size)
- 8 You can go to the pub now and I'll catch up ... you after I've finished at the gym.
(to / for / at / with)

- 9 As an actor, he was always famous for ... himself into the roles he played. (throwing / selling / forming / losing)
- 10 I could never go climbing; I've got no ... for heights. (sense / head / eye / feel)
- 11 We'll need to work ... the clock to get this job done by the end of tomorrow. (around / throughout / over / towards)
- 949 12 He achieved great success in business, but ... the expense of his health, unfortunately. (at / with / for / against)
- 13 I made so many mistakes in the test; I'm not really on the ... today. (ball / game / boot / goal)
- 14 We all formed a queue and the doctor dealt with us ... turn. (by / about / in / over)
- 15 If the Chinese restaurant is closed, the ... thing would be the Indian, in my view. (second rate / runner up / close by / next best)



Dictation 115

The flood was causing enormous damage,/ so it came as a huge relief/ when the rains stopped./ Why not just go ahead/ and lie down?/ You should take a painkiller too./ Avoiding fried food/ and unhealthy desserts/ should help you lose some weight./ It's our belief/ that this tour will be a success;/ it could even make him/ one of the wealthiest musicians in the world./ My brother's preference/ for not following recipes when he cooks/ is something he got from our father./ Don't splash your sister;/ it's naughty!/ As we lay down our towels on the beach,/ we noticed that/ the yacht race going on nearby/ had attracted loads of spectators./ Rejoice, shave, affair, cure, creep.