

LESSON 174

1033 **trigger** **rifle** **earthquake** **shift**

When carrying a rifle, why should a soldier only put his finger on the trigger just before firing? When in case the rifle goes off accidentally

What triggers earthquakes? A sudden shift in the rock beneath the surface of the Earth triggers earthquakes

Why do some jobs require people to do shift work? Some ... because the work needs to be done both day and night

potential

If you had a child who showed great potential as an artist, would you encourage them to pursue art as a career? Yes, if I ... - No, if I ...

Why or why not?

What do we mean if we say that something is a potential problem?
If ..., we mean it is not a problem now but it could become one in the future

collaborate

downside

What's the main advantage of working in a large office surrounded by other people? The main ... is that it's easier to collaborate with colleagues when one needs to

1034 And what's the main downside? The main downside is that one can get too easily distracted by noise and conversation

reverse

Count from one to five in reverse order, please. 5, 4, 3, 2, 1

in love

fall in love

at first sight

hug

How can we tell when people are in love? We can tell ... they hold hands, walk arm in arm, hug each other etc.

Do you really believe it's possible to fall in love with someone at first sight?

Yes, ... – No, ...

hint

When your birthday is approaching, do you give your parents (friends etc.) hints about what you'd like as a gift?

Yes, when my ...
– No, when my ...

wind – wound – wound

unwind

After using a vacuum cleaner, do you normally have to wind up the cable yourself or is there usually a button you can press to do it automatically?

After using ...

What are the three forms of "wind"?

The three forms of "wind" are "wind, wound, wound"

Could we describe a motorway as a winding road?

No, we couldn't ...
because motorways are usually quite straight

1035 How do you like to unwind in your free time?

I like to unwind
in my free time by ...

yawn

Do you yawn when you see or hear someone else yawning?

Yes, ... – No, ...

purchase

look over

in order

come forward

Why should one carefully look over a house or a car before purchasing it?

One should carefully ... to
make sure that everything is in order

When a winning lottery ticket is purchased but nobody comes forward to claim the money, do you know what happens?

Yes, when a ..., I know ...
– No, when a ..., I don't know ...

What happens?

get on

What does somebody mean when they ask you how you're getting on?

When somebody ... they're asking how I'm progressing with a certain project, or perhaps just asking how I am generally

What does one have to do in order to get on in life? In order ... one has to study hard, work hard etc.

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dense

populate

mist

fog

smog

Which is one of the most densely populated countries in the world?

One of ...

What's the difference between mist and fog? The difference ... fog is thicker, or denser, than mist

Are there any towns or cities in your country where smog is a serious issue? Yes, ... - No, ...

overall

Make a sentence with the word "overall", please. There were one or two good scenes in the film but, overall, it was rubbish

mammal

erect

attach

peg

Do most mammals stand erect on their back legs when they need to reach something high up? Yes, most ...

When we're erecting a tent, how do we attach it to the ground? When ... we ... by using ropes connected to pegs that we knock into the ground

feature

promote

focus

What do we mean by the features on a person's face? By ..., we mean the distinct parts of their face such as the nose, eyes, mouth etc.

1037 If you were in charge of promoting tourism in this region, which features of the area would you focus on in advertisements? If ..., I'd focus on ...

damn

dam

construct

When might a person say "Damn!" or "Damn it"?

A person ... when they're angry or when things go wrong

What happens when a dam is constructed across a river?

When ..., the flow of water in the river is blocked

at all costs

If your boss says "This document has to be sent today at all costs", what do they mean?

If ..., they mean that nothing must be allowed to prevent the document from being sent today

engage

part-time

full-time

Is it the custom in your country for couples to throw a party when they get engaged?

Yes, ... ~ No, ...

If you were engaged part-time by a company and found that you really enjoyed the role, how long would you wait before asking about the possibility of a full-time position, or would you never ask?

If ..., I'd wait ...
~ If ..., I'd never ...

1038 **numerous**

a handful

invitation

If invitations to a social event were sent to numerous guests but only a handful of them turned up, how would the host feel? If ... and ..., the host would feel disappointed, upset etc.

appreciate

function

comprehend

Why is it that children rarely appreciate the sacrifices their parents make for them?

Children rarely appreciate ... because children are too young to comprehend how the world functions, especially as regards money

On a computer keyboard, what's the main function of the "shift" key?

On ..., the main function of the "shift" key is to allow the user to type capital letters

frontier**committo**

Why is it so rare for countries to attempt to expand their frontiers these days?

It's so rare ... because almost all countries are committed to international agreements not to do so

detect**presence**

Would a police dog be able to detect the presence of a human in a building using just its sense of smell?

Yes, ...

lap

Why is a laptop called a laptop?

A laptop ... because it's possible to rest it on your lap while you're using it

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mainland**tunnel**

Is Britain connected to the mainland of Europe by a tunnel or a bridge?

Britain ... a tunnel

remote**device****electronic**

Have you ever spent a holiday in a very remote location? Yes, ... - No, ...
Where?

What's a remote control?

A remote control is a device that sends out an electronic signal to operate a piece of equipment, such as a TV

objection

Do you have any objection to people smoking in their own homes?

Yes, ... - No, ...

drop off

When you were at primary school, did your parents normally drop you off in the morning?

Yes, ... - No, ...

Why do people sometimes drop off while they're watching TV in the evening?

People sometimes drop off ...
because they're tired after a long day at work

undertake

Give me an example of the verb "undertake", please.

William has
agreed to undertake responsibility for the
development of all our new products from now on

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Phrase exercise 4

From the three options given below each sentence, choose the one that has a similar meaning to the sentence itself.

- 1 My grandmother is very well off.**
 - a) My grandmother has a lot of money.
 - b) My grandmother's health is good.
 - c) My grandmother is a happy person.
- 2 She got carried away at the party.**
 - a) She fell in love with someone at the party.
 - b) She behaved in an overexcited way at the party.
 - c) She met lots of new people at the party.
- 3 I'm all set to go to school.**
 - a) I'm obliged to go to school.
 - b) I'm eager to go to school.
 - c) I'm prepared to go to school.
- 4 She makes a point of keeping her garden tidy.**
 - a) She has a regular schedule for tidying her garden.
 - b) She ensures that her garden is always tidy.
 - c) She likes telling people how tidy her garden is.
- 5 OK, I need to get this straight: are you staying or leaving?**
 - a) I need to make sure I understand you.
 - b) I need to ask you personally.
 - c) I need you to be very honest now.