

LESSON 175

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rag

ragged

kid

What's a rag?

A rag is an old piece of cloth that we can use for cleaning

What do we mean when we say that someone has gone from rags to riches?

When ..., we mean that they were very poor in the past but are now rich

Why are kids' clothes often in a pretty ragged state?

Kids' clothes ... because they're always climbing on things, falling over, fighting etc.

ban

take part

bring in

tan

sunburnt

What does it mean if a football player receives a three-match ban as punishment for bad behaviour?

If ..., it means he isn't allowed to take part in the next three matches

Do you think the government should bring in new laws to restrict the sale of very unhealthy food in shops, or even ban it altogether? Yes, ... ~ No, ...

How can someone with fair skin develop a tan on holiday without getting sunburnt?

Someone with ... by restricting the amount of time they spend sunbathing, and by regularly applying sun cream to the areas of their body that are exposed to the sun

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in all

If you and a friend went to an average restaurant and each had a starter, main course and dessert, how much would you expect it to come to in all?

If a friend and I ... and each had ..., I'd expect ...

vacant

lavatory

Which words are usually displayed on the door of a public lavatory to indicate whether or not it's available for use? The words "vacant" or "engaged" are usually ...

What do we mean by a vacant building? By ..., ... empty building

wasteful

resource

In your view, was society more wasteful with natural resources 50 years ago than it is today? Yes, in my view, ... ~ No, in my view, ...

disguise

When a famous celebrity goes out in public but wants to avoid being spotted, what can they do to disguise themselves? When ..., they can wear a hat, a scarf, dark sunglasses etc.

casual

attitude

What is the opposite of formal clothing? The opposite ... casual clothing

1044 What do we mean if we say that someone has a casual attitude towards their work? If ..., we mean that they aren't very careful, and perhaps show little interest in their work

no ... whatsoever

Give me an example of "no ... whatsoever", please. I've got no doubt whatsoever that she'll arrive on time

be up to

get up to

What do you reckon your mother (father etc.) is up to at the moment? I reckon ...

When children are left on their own, what kind of naughty things do they get up to? When ..., they get up to all kinds of naughty things, such as ...

pull up**pull over**

In reference to driving, what's the difference between "pull up" and "pull over"?

In reference ..., the difference ...

"pull up" simply means "stop", whereas "pull over" means "move to the side of the road and then stop"

humorous

Who's the most humorous person you know?

The most humorous ...

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key**fingerprint****look into**

What do you think is the key to a successful friendship? I think the key ...

When the police are looking into a murder, why are fingerprints found at the scene of the crime often key to the success of the investigation?

When ..., fingerprints ... because no two people have the same fingerprints, which means they can be used as evidence that someone was present at the scene of a crime

out of reach**in reach (within reach)****fragile****china****smash**

Why is it advisable in the home to keep fragile objects like china vases out of reach of small children?

It is advisable ... they might knock them over and smash them

What's the opposite of "out of reach"?

The opposite of ... in reach, or within reach

recover**strain**

What's the best way to recover from an illness?

The best ... is to relax, not strain oneself in any way, take some mild exercise etc.

score**play at home****play away****point****table tennis**

Why is it that a football team playing at home usually scores more goals than when playing away?

The reason a football team ... is that the players are surrounded by their home fans, who encourage them by cheering

How many points does one need to score to win a game of table tennis?

One needs to score 11 (or 21) points to win a game of table tennis

set off**set out****stall**

After setting off (or setting out) on a journey, what sort of things do people often realize they've forgotten to take with them?

After ..., people often realize they've forgotten to take their money, passport, keys etc.

Why should a market trader take care to set out his goods attractively on his stall?

A market trader should take care ... to make them look better and therefore attract more customers

What's another meaning of the word "stall"?

Another meaning ... is when an engine fails to keep going

Give me an example, please.

The car stalled and wouldn't start again, so we got out and pushed

wipe out

Does a major earthquake have the power to wipe out an entire town?

Yes, ...

awfully

Make a sentence with the word "awfully" with the meaning of "very".

I was awfully glad when I was told the party was going to go ahead after all

deliberate**turn a blind eye**

If you knew that a family member was deliberately not paying their income tax, would you turn a blind eye to it or say something to them about it? If ..., I'd ...

face up to**interest****pay off**

When someone's in debt to a bank but they don't face up to the fact and therefore make no attempt to pay off the debt, what happens? When ...,
the debt grows bigger and
bigger as a result of interest charges

get across

When you're speaking in English and you can't find the words you need to get across a particular idea, how do you feel? When I'm ... and I can't
find ..., I feel frustrated, disappointed etc.

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revise (review)**brush up on**

Why is it so essential to revise (or review) all past work before an examination? It is so essential ... to fill in the gaps in our memory

What does the expression "to brush up on" something mean?

The expression "to brush up on" something means to review something that you have a good knowledge of but have forgotten slightly

Give me an example, please.

I brushed up on my French a bit before setting off for Paris on holiday

apparent**apparently**

If a colleague of yours seemed annoyed with you for no apparent reason, would you ignore their behaviour or ask them what the matter was?

If ..., I'd ...

Give me a sentence with the word "apparently", please. I just spoke to
my sister and, apparently, our
cousin Bill has decided to move to Australia!

childish**childlike****expression**

What's the difference between the adjectives "childish" and "childlike"?

The difference ... "childish" is used as a criticism, whereas "childlike" is not usually used as a criticism

Give me a sentence with the word "childish", please. Michael gets so grumpy when he loses at table tennis; it's a bit childish, really.

1049 Give me a sentence with the word "childlike", please. The expression on Tom's face when he spotted the lions in the distance was one of childlike wonder

fabric**denim****texture****bandage**

What kind of fabric is denim, and what's it most commonly used for?

Denim is a tough cotton fabric with a rough texture, and is most commonly used for making jeans

What's a bandage?

A bandage is a long piece of fabric that we wrap around an injury to keep it clean and stop any bleeding

ages

If you had to wait ages for your order to be taken in a restaurant but then the food itself turned out to be delicious, would you leave a tip?

Yes, ... ~ No, ...

weird

Have you ever had any weird experiences in your life that you're unable to explain?

Yes, ... ~ No, ...

gasp

When do people gasp?

People gasp when they receive a sudden shock, or when they can finally breathe in after swimming under water for a long time, for example