

LESSON 178

STAGE 12

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Word pool 1 (nouns)

flaw

heir

escalator

gadget

maid

flair

dormitory

client

academy

victim

penalty

recreation

bench

napkin

suburb

the bigger ...

the more ...

When we are comparing only two people or things, it is possible to use the word "the" in front of a comparative adjective rather than a superlative adjective. For example, "I have two bedrooms in my flat. The smaller of the two is used as a store room".

Give me an example of the word "the" used in front of a comparative adjective instead of a superlative adjective. Of the two restaurants on this street, this one is the more expensive

comparatively

Give me an example of the word "comparatively", please. For a lady of 92, her eyesight is comparatively good

economic**economical****cutback****cut back**

The word "economic" means "related to money or the economy". For example, we can say "The country is facing severe economic problems". The word "economical", on the other hand, means "providing good value" or "requiring less money than usual". For example, we can say "The car cost quite a lot to buy, but it's very economical to run".

Do governments sometimes introduce cutbacks in public spending during an economic crisis? Yes, ...

If, for some reason, you personally needed to start living more economically, what would you cut back on? If, for some reason, I ..., I'd ...

explosion**massive**

Can a gas leak in a building cause a massive explosion? Yes, ...

anniversary

What kind of things do married couples get up to on their wedding anniversary? Married couples ...

flatter**compliment****chat up**

What does the verb "flatter" mean? The verb "flatter" means to praise someone or pay them compliments to make them feel good about themselves

- 1077 Name a common situation when someone might choose to flatter the person they're talking to. A common ... when they're hoping someone will do them a favour, or when they're chatting someone up

Do you think it's true that we only flatter people when we want something from them? Yes, ... ~ No, ...

diet**gradual****cut out**

When someone goes on a diet, is it healthier for them to lose weight quickly or gradually? When ..., ... gradually

Have you ever deliberately cut something out of your diet in an attempt to improve your health? Yes, ... ~ No, ...

What?

surrender

How can soldiers in a battle let the enemy know that they've decided to surrender? Soldiers in ... by waving a white flag and putting their hands up

plot**halfway****allotment**

If the plot of a film is tricky to follow, do you tend to keep watching to the end or give up halfway through? If ..., I tend ...

What would you do if you found out that someone was plotting to murder you? If I ..., I'd ...

1078 Is it the practice in this country for some people living in flats in town to have a plot of land somewhere on which they grow fresh fruit and vegetables, for example? Yes, it's the practice ... ~ No, it isn't the practice ...

What are such plots of land called? Such ... allotments

head for

In the morning, is the road outside this building full of people heading for work? Yes, ... ~ No, ...

capture**torture**

Are there international laws in place these days to ensure that soldiers captured during a war are not tortured by the enemy? Yes, ...

under control

out of control

reality

fully

Why is it important for a government to give the impression that the economy is fully under control even when, in reality, it may not be?

It's important ... so that the public maintain their faith in the government and support them

If the driver of a bus you were on suddenly had a heart-attack and the bus went out of control, what would you do?

If ..., I'd push the driver aside, put my foot on the brake and steer the bus to the side of the road

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tone

Which actor or actress do you think has the nicest tone of voice? I think ... has ...

Do you set your phone to use specific ring tones for certain people so you know who's calling you? Yes, ... ~ No, ...

interact

interactive

layout

How can the layout of an office influence the way people work?

The layout ... by affecting how easy it is for people to interact and access equipment

Why do children prefer interactive museums to traditional museums?

Children ... because they enjoy taking part in activities and seeing what happens when they press buttons on exhibits

vice

What do you think is your greatest virtue, and what's your greatest vice?

I think my greatest virtue is ... and my greatest vice is ...

get by

When there isn't enough room to get by two people talking to each other in a narrow corridor, what can you say?

When there isn't ..., I can say "Excuse me, can I get by, please?"

1080 How little sleep can you get by on each night without suffering from tiredness? I can get by on ... without ...

regardless

Give me an example of the word "regardless", please. He took part in the rugby match regardless of his injuries

consult

make your way

deteriorate

specialist

Would you be able to make your way from here to the coast (the capital etc.) without consulting any kind of map? Yes, ... ~ No, ...

If you felt your hearing was starting to deteriorate, would you visit your doctor first or consult a specialist immediately? If ... I'd ...

trail

What do we mean by a trail in the countryside? By ..., we mean a path or track leading through the countryside that people can walk along

1081 **expire** **expiry** **renew**

straightforward

Is it a pretty straightforward process to renew an expired passport in your country? Yes, ... ~ No, ...

What do you have to do? You have to ...

Name a food you definitely wouldn't eat if it was past its expiry date. ... is a food ...

uphold

institution

Which institutions undertake responsibility for upholding the law in a country? The police and the courts undertake ...

nap

Why do elderly people sometimes take a nap in the middle of the day?

Elderly ... because they get tired rather easily

give in

submit

assignment

Have you ever given in a piece of homework knowing it was absolutely awful?

Yes, ... ~ No, ...

Do universities often ask their students to submit assignments over the internet?

Yes, ...

withdraw

What's the maximum daily amount you can withdraw from your account using a cash machine?

The maximum ...

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give up

chase

Why might a policeman decide to give up chasing a criminal in the street?

A policeman ... if the criminal was running too fast to catch

budget

Who's in charge of the household budget in your family? ... in charge of ...

Word-building exercise 1

For each sentence below, change the word printed at the beginning so that it fits correctly into the gap. Put your answer on the right.

Answers

e.g. **luck**

She was ... to win the game.

lucky

1 face

Anne's ... features are so striking she could be a model if she wanted.

	2	expand	If this company hopes to grow, there'll need to be an ... in the range of products we offer.	_____
	3	publish	This magazine is currently the only ... that makes any profit for the company.	_____
	4	significant	It's hard to know what the ... of this latest decision will be.	_____
	5	cover	The national TV station was praised for its detailed ... of events during the war.	_____
	6	direct	The phone ... is now published online to save printing costs.	_____
	7	talk	Peter's quiet in the classroom but he's a lot more ... outside.	_____
	8	settle	The biggest ..., with over a thousand inhabitants, was next to the river.	_____
	9	preserve	Investing money in the ... of this college building is an excellent idea.	_____
1083	10	declare	Her sudden ... of love took him completely by surprise.	_____
	11	refuse	Serena's ... to help arrange things for the party makes no sense; the party's for her!	_____
	12	compare	Life today is not ... to that of a thousand years ago; it's so much easier now.	_____
	13	persuade	The sales assistants in that store can be very ..., so be careful!	_____
	14	problem	I've had a rather ... day so far. Let's hope it gets better.	_____
	15	include	I'm not sure whether the price he's quoted me for the job is ... of tax or not.	_____

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