

LESSON 184

1129 **sophisticated**

Do you think today's society means young people tend to be more sophisticated than in the past? Yes, ... ~ No, ...

Why or why not?

Do some big companies use sophisticated methods to reduce their tax burden? Yes, ...

put up

What's the maximum number of people you could put up overnight in the place where you live? The maximum ...

fruitful

Are negotiations between two nations usually more fruitful when both sides are prepared to compromise? Yes, ...

let in

let out

let through

pass

Why do some jewellery stores have special security systems to let customers in and out? Some ... because jewellery stores are often targeted by robbers

Do airport security officers demand to see a valid boarding pass before they let a passenger through to catch their flight? Yes, ...

1130 **profile**

status

Which elements of their profiles do people change most often on social media websites? The elements of ... their profile picture, relationship status etc.

Why do newspapers like to publish stories about high-profile celebrities? Newspapers ... because they know more people will buy their newspaper

till**counter**

In a small shop, where is the till normally situated?

In ..., the till ...
on the counter

stay behind

Why might a pupil feel a little anxious if their teacher asked them to stay behind after class?

A pupil ... because they might assume
there was a problem or that they were in trouble

overlook

Does this room overlook the street (or road)?

Yes, ... ~ No, ...

Name a job where overlooking details can lead to costly errors. The name
of ... architect, engineer, surgeon etc.

incident

On which day of the week do you think the police in this country have to deal with the highest number of criminal incidents?

I think ... on ...

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live on

If you were suddenly forced to live on half the money you live on now, would it cause a financial crisis for you?

Yes, if ..., it'd ...
~ No, if ..., it wouldn't ...

critical**partnership**

Is a business partnership likely to survive if the partners are constantly critical of one another's ideas?

No, ...

What do we mean by a critical decision?

By ..., we mean a very
important decision that will
dictate how a situation develops

overseas

Is it possible to travel abroad from this country without going overseas?

Yes, ... ~ No, ...

crossing**pedestrian**

Are all the pedestrian crossings in this town controlled by traffic lights?

Yes, ... ~ No, ...

look on**retirement**

Do you think most people look on retirement as a positive or negative change in their lives?

I think ...

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heavy**soak**

We can sometimes use the word "heavy" with a meaning similar to "intense". For example, a heavy cold is a bad cold, and if someone sleeps heavily, it means that they're hard to wake up.

Give me an example of the word "heavy" (or "heavily") used with a meaning similar to "intense" (or "intensely").

He was breathing heavily because he'd been running

If you went for a walk in heavy rain without an umbrella, would you get soaked?

Yes, ...

hopeful**hopeless**

Are you hopeful for the future of the planet?

Yes, ... ~ No, ...

Tell me something that you're hopeless at.

I'm hopeless at ...

out of place**conference**

Why would you look out of place if you turned up to a business conference in shorts and a T-shirt?

I'd look ... because everyone else at the conference would be wearing formal work clothes

bureaucracy**complex****giant**

What do people mean when they complain that there's too much bureaucracy in an organization?

When ..., they mean that the rules and regulations used in the organization are too complex and should be more straightforward

- 1133 Would you be happy if a giant shopping complex was constructed near your home? Yes, I'd be ... ~ No, I wouldn't be ...

go off

yogurt (yoghurt)

How long do you reckon plain yogurt can safely be kept in the fridge before it goes off? I reckon ...

countless

Make a sentence with the word "countless", please. I called the hospital countless times but couldn't get through

gardening

lawn

In your country, do people often take up gardening in their retirement? Yes, in ..., people often ... ~ No, in ..., people don't often ...

Why?

What's a lawn and where do we usually find one? A lawn is an area of grass kept closely cut and smooth like a carpet and is usually found in a garden

slice

Name some types of food that are often served in slices. Some types ... are bread, cake, pizza etc.

- 1134 **dedicate** **out of work**

Do you think your government should dedicate more resources to helping those who are out of work? Yes, ... ~ No, ...

crawl

How does a baby move around before it learns to walk? A baby moves about by crawling on its hands and knees before ...

out of practice

About how long would you have to go without speaking English before you began to feel out of practice? I'd have to go about ... before ...

stare

Do young children often stare at strangers without realizing how uncomfortable it can make them feel? Yes, ...

left-handed

right-handed

Do you know anyone who's left-handed for certain activities and right-handed for others? Yes, ... ~ No, ...

acquaintance

What's the difference between a friend and an acquaintance?

The difference ... a friend is someone we have a close personal relationship with, whereas an acquaintance is someone we know, but not well

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universal

Name an animal that has almost universal appeal. ... is an animal that ...

go over

When you write something in English, like an email for example, do you go over it at the end to check for mistakes? Yes, when I ... ~ No, when I ...

doubtful

doubtless (no doubt)

If you felt very doubtful about a work colleague's ability to do their job properly, would you tell anyone else in the company? Yes, if I ... ~ No, if I ...

Make a sentence with "doubtless" or "no doubt", please. He may be late for the wedding, but doubtless (no doubt) he'll get here in time for the reception afterwards

keep up

Why do many people join gyms, start going two or three times a week, but later struggle to keep it up?

keep up with

Many people ... because they find they're too tired or busy to go that often, they lose motivation etc.

What would you advise a student to do if they weren't keeping up with the others in their class? I'd advise a student to study hard at home if ...

1136 **naive (naïve)**

Would you say it was naive to trust one's government? Yes, ... ~ No, ...

let off**fireworks****envisage**

Is it the custom in many countries to let off fireworks when celebrating special occasions? Yes, ...

Why might the police take the decision to let someone off with a warning for a minor offence rather than arrest them? The police ... because they can tell that the person regrets their actions and they don't envisage the person committing a similar offence again

headline

In the newspaper headline "President to resign", what does the infinitive "to resign" mean? In ..., the infinitive "to resign" means "is going to resign"

cloakroom**overcoat**

What do we call the small room in a theatre where members of the audience can leave their bags and overcoats? We call ... the cloakroom

Phrase exercise 3

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

- 1 The wedding invitations were sent out ... short notice, so there was hardly any time to find a suitable gift. (by / at / with / on)
- 2 You can ... it from me, this is a good restaurant; I come here a lot. (buy / take / get / hear)
- 3 Don't ... me wrong; I like George a lot, but I couldn't live with him, that's all. (take / have / think / get)
- 4 We'd expected rain on the wedding day but, on the ..., we were blessed with brilliant sunshine. (turn / reverse / opposite / contrary)
- 5 I'm afraid I don't really ... for music. (hold a tune / have an ear / hit a note / take a tone)
- 6 He's learning Portuguese with ... to going out there next year. (an image / a view / a sight / a picture)
- 7 The money was being collected ... aid of charity. (for / in / to / with)
- 8 His company is very creative; it's at the ... edge of computer design. (sharp / thin / cutting / facing)
- 9 My mum's eyesight is poor, but she can read with the ... of glasses. (profit / aid / support / guidance)
- 10 If we get the project done ... time, we'll be able to have a short holiday. (ahead of / one at a / by the / for some)
- 11 Give your laptop to Nick; he'll be able to fix it in no ...! (time / problem / cost / doubt)
- 12 When Caroline walked into the room, I knew ... a glance that something was wrong. (with / in / at / on)
- 13 I think children should, ... reason, be free to do what they like. (under / through / among / within)
- 14 I will ... at nothing to get what I want! (end / stop / close / finish)
- 15 Is there much call ... English teachers in this area? (for / on / to / after)

John frowned at the barbecue./ unable to comprehend./ Although the heat seemed fierce./ lifting up the shoulder of lamb/ and peering underneath/ had revealed/ the meat was somehow not cooking./ The only way to beat a bully/ is to stand up for yourself./ If possible, I'd appreciate/ a moment of your time./ I'm conducting a survey/ on behalf of the local council/ to assess public opinion/ on the new retail development./ In order to stop putting on weight./ it's crucial/ that you commit to this diet./ Suspicious that the food company/ might not be complying/ with regulations./ we took a closer look/ at the label on the packet./ Adequate, budget, facial, exhibit, swap.

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