

LESSON 186

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Word pool 3 (nouns)

crust	triumph	vest
fist	vegetation	tuition
solicitor	crochery	cord
forgery	mustard	fluff
runway	carpenter	awe

Common prefixes (3)

Another five common prefixes used in English are: "pro-" (meaning "for" or "supporting"), "anti-" (meaning "against" or "opposed to"), "dis-" (meaning "reverse" or "opposite of"), and "semi-" (meaning "partly" or "half").

What meaning can the prefix "pro-" add to a word? The prefix ...
"for" or "supporting" ...

Give me an example, please. Regarding most issues, I'm pro-government

What meaning can the prefix "anti-" give to a word? The prefix ...
"against" or "opposed to" ...

Give me an example, please. My antivirus program
keeps my computer really safe

1149 What meaning can the prefix "dis-" add to a word? The prefix ...
"reverse" or "opposite of" ...

Give me an example, please. I disconnected my laptop from
the network. If you're dissatisfied
with the service, you should complain.

What meaning can the prefix "semi-" add to a word? The prefix ...
"partly" or "half" ...

Give me an example, please.

The children sat in a semicircle and listened while their teacher read a story.

mumble

mutter

If someone is speaking so quietly and unclearly that we can't understand them properly, we say they are mumbling, and we might ask them to speak more clearly. If someone is speaking quietly to themselves, we say they are muttering. People often mutter when they're complaining to themselves about something.

Make a sentence with the verb "mumble", please. The speech he made at the wedding was awful; he kept mumbling!

Make a sentence with the verb "mutter", please. The old man in front of me in the supermarket queue was muttering to himself about the high prices

haunt

terrify

Have you ever lain in bed at night feeling terrified because you thought the building you were in was haunted? Yes, ... ~ No, ...

Do you have a favourite haunt where you tend to hang out with your friends? Yes, ... ~ No, ...

1150 Where?

linger

savour

What do we mean when we say that we lingered over dinner at a restaurant?

When ..., we mean we took longer than usual to eat our dinner, probably because we wanted to savour the food and the atmosphere

effective

shutter

Which do you think are more effective at preventing sunlight penetrating into a room: shutters or curtains? I think ...

tolerant**chaos**

Would you be tolerant of a flatmate who left the kitchen in chaos every time they cooked? Yes, ... ~ No, ...

Would your friends describe you as an intolerant person? Yes, ... ~ No, ...

compact**spacious****backpack****rucksack**

When travelling, do you prefer a large and spacious suitcase or a more compact form of luggage such as a backpack? When travelling, I prefer ...

What's another name for a backpack? Another ... rucksack

1151 **stable****hazard**

Do you think it's important to have a stable job? Yes, ... ~ No, ...

Why or why not?

Why are loose stones on the road more of a hazard for motorbikes than for cars? Loose stones ... because motorbikes are less stable than cars, and therefore loose stones could cause them to have an accident

breeze**draught****resolve**

On a hot summer's day, is it nice to have a breeze to keep you cool? Yes, ...

If there was a draught in your bedroom, what could you do to resolve the problem? If ..., I could ...

endeavour

When one borrows money from a bank, why should one endeavour to pay off the loan as soon as possible? When ..., ... so that one doesn't end up paying lots of interest

toss

If you toss a coin twice, what's the probability of getting two tails?

If ..., ... 25%

1152 **thereby**

Give me a sentence with the word "thereby". He didn't know how to answer, thereby making it appear that he was guilty

skeleton

When someone becomes famous, why do the press often try to find out whether they have a skeleton in the cupboard? When ..., because the public love to hear about famous people's secrets

merit

negligent

If a case of negligent driving results in a pedestrian's death, does the crime, in your view, merit imprisonment? Yes, if a ... ~ No, even if a ...

ally

alongside

What do we mean if we say that two countries are allies in a war? If ..., we mean they fight alongside each other against a common enemy

dump

When you get home, do you normally just dump your jacket (or coat etc.) on a chair rather than hang it up? Yes, when I ... ~ No, when I ...

1153 What do we have to do if we want to get rid of a large household item such as an old bed or mattress? If ..., we have to take it to our local dump

bound to do

presume

What do we mean if we say that something is bound to happen?

If ..., we mean that, as a result of previous experience or particular knowledge that we have, we presume that it will happen

Give me an example, please.

He's bound to arrive in a minute; he's never been late before

coordinate (co-ordinate) **sole**

administration **clumsy**

Why do large organizations need a department to deal solely with administration? Large organizations ... they're complex and difficult to coordinate effectively

What do we mean if we describe somebody as clumsy? If ..., we mean that they often drop things or bump into things, either because they're naturally uncoordinated or because they're careless

aid **affluent**

Do you think poor countries should receive more financial aid from affluent nations? Yes, ... ~ No, ...

1154 **sip** **gulp**

Why do we sip a hot drink rather than gulp it down? We sip ... rather than gulp ...

breed

Is there a great variety in terms of size between different breeds of dog? Yes, ...

smuggle **drug** **heroin** **cocaine**

What do we mean by smuggling? By smuggling, we mean taking something into or out of a country illegally

Is it considered a very serious offence to smuggle drugs such as heroin and cocaine into your country? Yes, it's considered ...

What do we mean by a drug company? By ..., we mean a company that produces drugs for use in medical treatments

very = exact

Give me a sentence with the word "very" in it, used with the meaning of "exact" or "extreme". You're the very person I'm looking for!
The car was parked at the very end of the street.

one by one**one at a time**

What do we mean when we say that a man fought his enemies **one by one**?

When ..., we mean he fought his enemies one at a time, not all together

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Word-building exercise 3

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

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| e.g. | luck | She was ... to win the game. | <u>lucky</u> |
| 1 | destroy | This insect can be extremely ... if it gets into your garden. | _____ |
| 2 | cooperate | Your ... in this matter would be greatly appreciated. | _____ |
| 3 | disaster | What a ... day! I hope tomorrow's better! | _____ |
| 4 | exhaust | The island's healthy cuisine is due to the almost ... supply of seafood from its local waters. | _____ |
| 5 | inspect | The soldiers spent many hours preparing for their annual ... by the king. | _____ |
| 6 | caution | I'm sure the bone isn't broken but, just as a ..., why don't you get it checked at the hospital. | _____ |
| 7 | imply | Moving to a smaller house has certain ... for the elder children in the family. | _____ |
| 8 | distribute | The population ... in Australia is unusual, with the vast majority of people living on the coast. | _____ |
| 9 | beg | I tend to give money to ... more often than I used to. | _____ |

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| 10 | explore | Space ... is revealing more and more about the universe we live in. | _____ |
| 11 | bankrupt | I don't think his ... will stop him from succeeding in the future. | _____ |
| 12 | occur | At one time, it was rare for foxes to attack our chickens, but this is a common ... now. | _____ |
| 13 | distinct | It seems the company's ... trademark is everywhere these days. | _____ |
| 14 | assume | I think it's safe to make the ... that she already knows this information. | _____ |
| 15 | secure | My youngest daughter feels ... if she doesn't know where I am, and will often start crying. | _____ |

My recommendation/ would be to wind tape/ around the handle of the racket./ Then you'll be able/ to grasp it more firmly./ Acting as casually as he could,/ Charles disguised his nerves/ at the wedding reception/ by contributing to conversations/ with what he hoped/ were humorous remarks./ Don't yawn/ in the queen's presence;/ she'll take offence/ because it implies you're bored./ Sally pulled the toddler/ onto her lap/ and gave her a hug./ There's no danger whatsoever/ of straining a muscle/ on this exercise machine/ providing you use the correct technique./ In light of the research,/ it's clear we need to implement measures/ to ensure this unique species of snake/ doesn't get wiped out./ Simultaneous, antique, feeble, route, worthwhile.