

Language Tasks

For this section, you may, if you wish, refer to grammar or usage books. Some suggestions are:

| Title | Author | Publisher |
|----------------------------------|-----------------------------|-----------------|
| <i>Practical English Usage</i> | Michael Swan | OUP |
| <i>Basic English Usage</i> | | |
| <i>How English Works</i> | | |
| COBUILD <i>Student's Grammar</i> | Dave Willis | Collins Cobuild |
| <i>An A-Z of English Usage</i> | Leech, Cruickshank & Ivanic | Longman |

How would you explain the difference in meaning between the following pairs of words and phrases to a learner of English?

Overweight: Fat

Win: Beat

She's at the school / She's at school

I play football / I am playing football

Rewrite the following short text in four paragraphs with appropriate punctuation and capitalisation.

after her husband died an 86-year old widow decided to sell her 10-acre florida estate and permanently live on a luxury cruise ship lee watchstetter or mama lee as the ships crew calls her has been aboard the crystal serenity for nearly seven years reports the asbury park press she estimated that living on the serenity this year will cost her \$164,000 this includes cost of her stateroom meals gratuities and broadway-style entertainment and other daily activities mama lee went on 89 cruises during her 50-year marriage with her husband and has lost count of how many countries she has since visited after she hit the 100-country mark one important factor sold her on the crystal serenity its host dance program I dance every night for a couple hours after dinner have been doing it for years watchsetter told the paper

Word stress - Mark the main stressed syllable in the following words:

Examples: photograph determine

1. accountable
2. practicality
3. average
4. distinguished
5. indifferent
6. magnification
7. sympathise
8. engineering

9.

Sentence stress - In English, it is possible to change the meaning of a sentence by stressing different words.

Which words can be stressed and what are the different possible meanings? [The first one is done for you.]

"He told me that Jane had borrowed the video."

| Word stressed | How meaning is changed |
|---------------|------------------------------------|
| he | It was a man/boy not somebody else |
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Error correction - Correct the following sentences and explain the nature of the error:

Example: I am always playing volleyball on the beach in the afternoons.

This should be "I always play..." because we use the present simple to talk about habits and routines.

1. I am understanding spoken English quite well now.

2. The doctor thought the baby can walk in about three weeks.

3. I've heard that song for the first time last week

Read the text below and:

- a. Two examples of each of the following - a noun, pronoun, adjective and an adverb
- b. The names of the tenses of verbs which are underlined.

A small day pack that you can fling in your luggage, is essential for toting water bottles, tablet device or guidebook and a raincoat or folding umbrella and all the other odds and sods you need on day trips. They also come in handy as a spillover bag for the homeward journey if you shop too enthusiastically.

Clothes (1) dry quickly if they (2) 're hung on a line rather than draped over a bathroom rail. I use a double-strand braided, elastic version with hooks at either end, which holds clothes tight without pegging.

Quality earplugs are a must for those whose sleep is less than sound, and handy for blocking aircraft noise as well. My favourites are the soft, tapering, orange MAX1 Earplugs, available from Amazon.

Sarongs are the traveller's best friend. They can be used as nightwear, a standby beach towel, modest covering for temple visits or wrapped carefully around a jumper to make a pillow.

The Swiss Army knife is part of the standard kit for NASA astronauts, and no self-respecting traveller (3) should be without one. From fingernails to dealing with wine corks to digging stones from yaks' hooves, this is a complete toolkit in a pocket-size pack [just don't leave it in your carry-on at the airport - it (3) will be confiscated by security].

| Item | Example 1 | Example 2 |
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| <i>noun</i> | | |
| <i>pronoun</i> | | |
| <i>adjective</i> | | |
| <i>adverb</i> | | |
| Verb Identification | Name of tense | How used |
| 1. <i>dry</i> | | |
| 2. ' <i>re hung</i> | | |
| 3. <i>should be</i> | | |
| 4. <i>will be confiscated</i> | | |