

It's March 31, 2010

I'm going to check to see who's here.

Can everyone hear me okay?

I'm going to list the things that we're going to do today.

- per
- American expressions beginning with the letter "f."
- gerunds at the beginning of sentence.
- adverbs

The word "per" is similar to the word "every."

How many hours of sleep do you get per night?

I get eight hours of sleep per night.

I sleep seven hours per night.

I sleep seven hours every night.

I sleep seven hours a night.

There's a new page in the prepositions section for "per" if you're having trouble with that word.

"Feel it in one's bones" = you have a good knowledge about something, it's almost a physical response.

I can feel it in my bones.

He can feel it in his bones.

It's going to rain today. I can feel it in my bones.

This is a good decision. I can feel it in my bones.

Brazil will win the World Cup. I can feel it in my bones.

"A fish out of water" = a person feels out of place; a person feel like he or she doesn't belong

At what time do you feel like a fish out of water?

Do you ever feel like a fish out of water?

I felt like a fish out of water when I came to the U.S. for the first time.

When I can't speak good English, I feel

like a fish out of water.

Today I sold a lot of books. I can feel it in my bones. (You can say this only if you don't look at the sales numbers.)

For goodness sake!

Oh, for goodness sake!

(You see something that surprises you or amuses you.)

When I have trouble at work, I feel like a fish out of water.

I will win mega millions. I can feel it in my bones.

(Many people say this when they gamble)

Did you read the blog today?

gerund + is very + adjective

Practicing is very important.

gerund _____ + is very + adjective

Practicing English is very important.

Working hard is necessary.

Doing exercises is very important.

Being able to speak English is very important in the United States.

Reading is very important for learning English.

I write something every day in the blog.
Today I blogged about using gerunds.

Eating healthy food is really important.

What are some things at work that are really important?

good lighting = enough light

Reading with good lighting is very important.

Sleeping is very important.

Getting enough sleep is very important.

Getting eight hours of sleep is very important for me.

Taking a nap every day is good for your

health.

Being able to get along with others at work is really important.

Being prompt is very important for my job.

Doing reports at work is very important.

Making reports.....

Creating reports.....

Eating healthy is very important.

Being silent is not good in every situation.

Living in harmony is very important.

Living in harmony with nature is very important.

Living in harmony with your neighbors is very important.

living in harmony - living in peace; having a

good relationship.

adverbs

Adverbs describe verbs, adjectives, and other adverbs.

Many adverbs have an "ly" ending.

Can you give me some examples of adverbs?

really, lately, carefully, silently, quickly, sadly, hardly, happily

What have you done lately?

Have you done anything interesting lately?

I've been studying English hard lately.

hardly = not much

I've hardly been studying English lately.

I've been going shopping lately.

I've hardly been working. (not much)

I've been working hard lately. (a lot)

Lately, I've been thinking the world must live in peace.

I've been learning guitar lately.

I've been working in the morning lately.

I've been hanging out with my friends lately.
(present perfect continuous tense)

I've been walking lately. (exercise)

What can you do quickly?

I can walk quickly.

I can cook quickly.

I can make dinner quickly.

I can write very quickly.

I'm hardly exercising these days. (not much)

I've hardly been exercising these days.

I haven't been exercising hard these days.

I can type quickly.

I can't write quickly.

What can you do skillfully?

I can play soccer skillfully.

skillful = have good ability

Do your work silently.

I can remember things well.

(good - adjective; well - adverb)

I speak English well.

You speak English well.

You are a skillful _____.

I skillful write code.

What's tomorrow?

What day is tomorrow?

Tomorrow is April Fool's Day.

In the United States, some people play tricks on each other on this day.

April Fool's Day is always April 1.

Be careful. Someone might play a trick on you.

play a trick = fool; to make you feel dumb.

Tomorrow we begin the Green Level.

The Green Level is almost entirely about the passive voice.

(be) + the past participle

I was fooled.

I got fooled.

Our next webinar is on Saturday, April 3.

Have a good night. I'll see you on Saturday.

