



Where there is a will...

I am sure you would have completed the heading with there is a way. Quite natural for that's how the saying ends.

What if I told you something else? Where there is a will, I would like to be in it? Funny, unexpected, and revealing? Satori? Has not the latter part made you look at the first part again?

This way of writing or saying (a figure of speech), with the latter part of the sentence bringing unexpected, amusing or surprising revelation, is called *paraprosdokion*.

Here are some more for you:

- The last thing that I want to do is to hurt you. But it is still on my list.
- If I agreed with you, we would both be wrong.
- War does not determine who is right, only who is left.
- Knowledge is knowing a tomato is a fruit. Wisdom is not putting it in a fruit salad.
- To be sure of hitting the target, shoot first and call whatever you hit, the target.
- You can always count on the Americans to do the right thing after they have tried everything else.

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Hm..English

The European Union commissioners have announced that agreement has been reached to adopt English as the preferred language for European communications, rather than German, which was the other possibility.

As part of the negotiations, the British government conceded that English spelling will be some room for improvement and has accepted a five-year phased plan for what will be known as EuroEnglish (Euro for short).

In the first year, "s" will be used instead of the soft "c". Certainly, civil servants will receive this news with joy.

Also, the hard "c" will be replaced with "k". Not only will this clear up confusion, but typewriters can have one less letter.

There will be growing public enthusiasm in the second year, when the troublesome "ph" will be replaced by "f". This will make words like "fotograf" 20 per cent shorter.

In the third year, public acceptance of the new spelling can be expected to reach the stage where more complicated changes are possible.

Governments will encourage the removal of double letters, which have always been a deterrent to accurate spelling. Also, all will agree that the horrible mess of silent "e"s in the language is disgraceful, and they would go.

By the fourth year, people will be receptive to steps such as replacing "th" by "z" and "w" by "v".

During the fifth year, the unnecessary "o" can be dropped from words containing "ou", and similar changes would be applied to other combinations of letters.

And after the fifth year, we will all be speaking German like they vented in the first place....

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Know your English



How do I pronounce the word pronunciation?

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An interesting question because many people mispronounce this word. However, a closer look at the spelling will tell you how it is pronounced.

Pronunciation.

- Pro = pro as in professor.
- nun = nun as in a nun.
- ci = si as in sister.
- a = et eight.
- tion = shan as in station.

People make the mistake while uttering the sound 'nun' in pronunciation. They pronounce it as 'noun.'

Remember PRONUNCIATION is pronounced proNUNCIation and not proNOUNCIation.

My boss says that I should not say revert back, and that I should say just revert. What is your opinion?

Narayan Ramakrishna DESHPANDE, Pune.

Your boss is right. However, whether your boss knows it or not, revert means to reply only in Indian English. The Oxford Dictionary lists it so.

Here are the examples for to reply with the dictionary:

- Excellent openings - kindly revert with your updated CV.
- We request you to kindly revert back if you have any further requirements.

So, in the Indian variety you can say revert or revert back.

However, other dictionaries do not give this definition to revert. The meaning of the word in standard dictionaries is given as

- to return to a former state.
- After her divorce she reverted to her maiden name. (Oxford)
- to return to an earlier topic or subject.
- The conversation kept returning to the events of March 6". (Oxford)



He was a good dancer, and his friends loved to call him MJ. But, at the competition, he was not the judges' pet who thought he was showboating.

Don't look up the dictionary for the meaning of showboat. That is what I am going to speak about here.

To showboat, according to Oxford Dictionary, is to behave in such a way that you want people to admire the skills or talents you have.

The Longman Dictionary of Contemporary English defines it as: if someone playing a sport is showboating, they are trying to make people admire them by doing skilful tricks, but are not playing effectively for their team.

Take a call



"Well, by the end this month I will know exactly how much money I will need. I will then take a call," said Sahu.

What did Sahu mean by saying that he would take a call? Decide?

Well, that is what Sahu meant, but he had not used the phrase correctly. Take a call does not mean decide.

"I will take the call in my office. Transfer the call," said the boss. Take the call means answer the phone.

When you say it's someone's call, you mean he or she has to decide. Call here means decision.

I have told you that I wanted to marry you. It is your call now.



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1. A bird in hand _____.
2. Better late _____.
3. Dogs of the same street _____.
4. Great minds _____.
5. However long the night, _____.

Rush in your entries before 20.01.2012 along with your name, email ID and complete postal address with pin code to vetalk@vetaglobal.com. The winners will be selected through a lot.

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1. Karthik D Shimoga
2. Ramadevi A Hyderabad
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ANSWERS to VeContest - Vol.5 Talk 10

1. D: A public toilet for men.
2. B: A large comfortable room on a ship used by the passengers to sit and relax.
3. B: To kill large number of plants, animals and people.
4. B: Physical or mental abilities that a person is born with.
5. C: A piece of equipment for lifting heavy objects.

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