**How to Teach Giving Examples**

Phrases like “such as”, “to use a well-known example” and “e.g.” are used to cite examples that are vital for supporting arguments in presentations, debates and academic writing. Unlike functional language, it is well worth students having a good stock of phrases for this purpose as it is often necessary to give lots of examples. They are useful in that they help clarify meaning, link situations to real life and, above all, avoid repetition. In fact, good English style means avoiding repetition, particularly in writing.

General or specific “example” phrases and expressions that have the similar or equivalent meaning include:

* for instance, …
* …, for instance
* By way of example, …
* If I can use an example, …
* To give an example, …
* I’d like to illustrate my point with an example
* An example to show (you) what I’m talking about is …

It is also possible to use the verb form: “This is exemplified by …”

Then, there are phrases/expressions to indicate that there are other examples, in addition to the ones already mentioned:

* … among other examples.
* … and other things of that nature.
* … and so forth.
* … and so on.
* I could give other examples (but I think I’ve made my point).
* I’m sure there are more.
* Those are just a few examples.

Also, there are equally important phrases and expressions that add more specific information to the examples already articulated. Most of these can be categorised as follows:

**Comparing with the previous example**

* A better example is …
* A different example is …
* A less clearly connected example is …
* A less well-known example is …
* A similar example is …

**Mentioning how often the example is used**

* A common example is …
* A well-known example is …
* A much quoted example is …
* A typical example is …
* An example that is often used to illustrate this point is …
* An obscure example is …
* This is often illustrated with the example of …

**Evaluating the example**

* Perhaps the best example is …
* By far the best illustration of this is …
* A great example is …
* My favourite example of this is …
* One of the best examples is …
* The most obvious example is …
* The most famous example is …

**Numbering/sequencing the examples**

* An additional example is …
* Another example is …
* There are many examples, such as …
* To give one example of what I mean …
* To give just one of many examples, …
* Just one of many examples is …

**Giving additional information about the example**

* A recent example is …
* An example (that) you might be familiar with is …
* An example from my own experience (which I’d like to share at this point) is …
* An example which I often use is …
* One example that I heard is …
* One example that springs to mind is …

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**Complete the sentences below using *such as* and *for example*:**

* 1. There are many different types of printers, -------------------- daisy-wheel, dot-matrix, ink-jet, laser and line printer.
  2. Smart phones are very popular now. They can be used anywhere, ------------------- in parks, canteens, restaurants or even on a train.
  3. There are many planets in our solar system, ------------------------- Mars, Mercury, Pluto and Earth.
  4. Many discoveries have been made in recent times, ------------------- computers, laptops and smart phones.
  5. GPS has many uses, ---------------------- clock synchronization, fleet tracking, disaster relief, aircraft tracking and navigation.

**Answers:**

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