

Grade- VII

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**ENGLISH**

# By

We use by in a number of different ways:

We use by.. in many expressions to say how we do something. For example, you can:

send something by post                      do something by hand

pay by cheque / by credit card (but pay in cash)

or something can happen by mistake / by accident / by chance (but do something on purpose

- Did you pay by cheque or in cash?
- We hadn't arranged to meet. We met by chance.

In these expressions we use by + noun without 'a' or 'the'. We say by chance / by cheque etc. (no "by a chance / by a cheque").

In the same way we use by... to say how somebody travels:

by car / by train / by plane / by boat / by ship / by bus / by bicycle etc.

and

by road / by rail / by air / by sea / by underground

- Liz usually goes to work by bus.
- Do you prefer to travel by air or by train?

But we say 'on foot':

- Did you come here by car or on foot?

You cannot use by if you say 'my car' / 'the train'/'a taxi' etc. We use by + noun without

'a/the/my' etc. We say:

by car    but    in my car ( not 'by my car')

by train    but    on the train (not by the train")

We use in for cars and taxis:

- They didn't come in their car. They came in a taxi.

We use on for bicycles and public transport (buses, trains etc.):

- We travelled on the 6.45 train.

We say something is done by somebody/something' (passive):

- Have you ever been bitten by a dog?
- The programme was watched by millions of people.

Compare by and with:

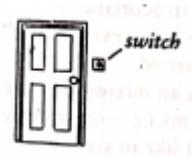
- The door must have been opened with a key. (not by a key")  
(= somebody used a key to open it)
- The door must have been opened by somebody with a key.

We say 'a play by Shakespeare', 'a painting by Rembrandt', 'a novel by Tolstoy' etc.

- Have you read any books by Agatha Christie?

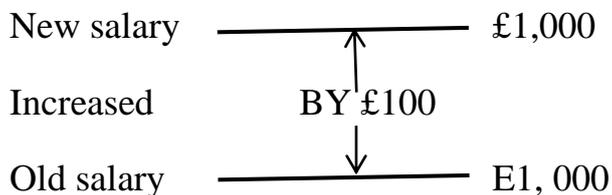
By also means next to / beside:

- Come and sit by me. (= beside me).
- Where's the light switch? "By the door."



Note the following use of by....

- Clare's salary has just gone up from £1,000 a month to £1,100. So it has increased by £100 / by ten per cent.
- John and Roger had a race over 100 metres.  
Roger won by about five metres.



**Complete the sentences using by + one of the following:'**

chance cheque hand mistake satellite

1. We hadn't arranged to meet. We met by chance.
2. I didn't intend to take your umbrella. I took it \_\_\_\_\_
3. I didn't put the pullover in the washing machine. I washed it \_\_\_\_\_
4. if you haven't got any cash, you can pay \_\_\_\_\_
5. The two cities were connected \_\_\_\_\_ for a television programme.
6. I never suspected anything. It was only \_\_\_\_\_ that I found out what had.

***Put in by, in or on.***

1. Liz usually goes to work by bus.
2. I saw Jane this morning. She was \_\_\_\_\_ the bus.
3. How did you get here? Did you come \_\_\_\_\_ train?
4. How did you get here? Did you come \_\_\_\_\_ the train?

***Write three sentences like the examples. Write about a book, song, a painting, a film etc.***

1. "War and Peace" is a book by Tolstoy
2. \_\_\_\_\_
3. \_\_\_\_\_
4. \_\_\_\_\_
5. \_\_\_\_\_

***Put in the correct preposition: by, in, on or with.***

1. Who is that man standing \_\_\_\_\_ the window?
2. I managed to put the fire out \_\_\_\_\_ a fire extinguisher.
3. The plane was badly damaged \_\_\_\_\_ lighting
4. These photographs were taken \_\_\_\_\_ a friend of mine.
5. These photographs were taken \_\_\_\_\_ a very good camera.