

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:

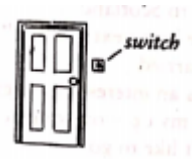
- The door must have been opened with a key. (not by a key")  
(= somebody used a key to open it)
- The door must have been opened by somebody with a key.

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

- Have you read any books by Agatha Christie?

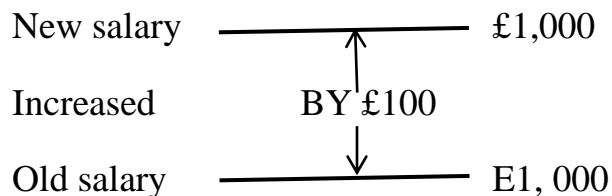
By also means next to / beside:

- 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. I decided not to go \_\_\_\_\_ car. I went \_\_\_\_\_ my bike instead.
2. I didn't feel like walking home, so I came home \_\_\_\_\_ a taxi.
3. Sorry we're late. We missed the bus, so we had to come \_\_\_\_\_ foot.
4. How long does it take to cross the Atlantic \_\_\_\_\_ sea?

***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. I don't mind going \_\_\_\_\_ car but I don't want to your car
2. Shall we get a taxi or shall we go \_\_\_\_\_ foot?
3. What's that music? I know its \_\_\_\_\_ Beethoven but I can't remember what it's called.
4. There was a small table \_\_\_\_\_ the bed a lamp and a clock \_\_\_\_\_ it.
5. Our team lost the game only because of a mistake \_\_\_\_\_ one of our players.

***Complete the sentences using by.***

1. There was an election. Helen got 25 votes and Norman got 23.  
Helen won \_\_\_\_\_
2. I went to Kate's house to see her but she had gone out five minutes before I arrived.  
I missed \_\_\_\_\_