

Self Study: Sweet as Salt

To help learn the new words and expressions from *Sweet as Salt*, read these sample sentences. Each sentence gives a natural example of how to use one of the new words. Use the sentence to figure out the meaning of each underlined word.

My little sister is only four, but she is just dying to go to school so she can be like me. I can't believe it's raining. I'm dying to go outside and ride my new bike.

The puppy was whining because he was lonely and he wanted to come out of his cage. I'm so tired of listening to the children whine in the store. They always want candy. I can tell when my little brother is getting tired because he starts whining.

"Please can I have ice cream?" begged the little girl.
When I was young, I begged my parents for a dog every day.

My mom loves to bake, so we always have cookies and cakes at my house.
Can you teach me how to bake chicken?

You use flour to make bread, cake, muffins, and cookies.
If you mix yellow and blue, you get green!
Mix the flour into the butter.
The teacher always mixed up the students' names.
Do you have a good recipe for pumpkin pie?
This is my favorite soup. It's my mom's secret recipe.

The group of girls giggled when the tall, handsome boy walked by.
The baby giggled when his parents played peek-a-boo with him.

Your room is a mess. We need containers for all your toys so we can organize everything.
After the party, we had so much food left over that we put it all into containers in the fridge.

Can you please put all the dishes away in the cupboard?

The little girl tried to pour the milk, but she spilled all over the table.
Come sit down and I will pour you some tea.
What a storm! We're getting so much rain. It's pouring!

My whole family is out shopping, so I have the whole house to myself!

First you mix up the cake batter, then you pour it into the pan to bake.
The Thanksgiving turkey has to cook in the oven for four hours.

People often decorate for Christmas with lights, trees and candy canes.
Will you help me decorate for my sister's birthday party?

The teachers were setting up for the meeting. They were arranging chairs and putting out snacks.

Do you know how to set up the board to play chess?

What a beautiful dress! You look fantastic!
"How was your vacation to Egypt?" "I loved it! It was fantastic!"

We have so much food. Please grab a plate and help yourself. Have as much as you want.
Since no one else was eating very much, the boy helped himself to five pieces of pizza.

After my haircut, I got many compliments about how nice I looked.
Don't forget to compliment my mom on her delicious meal!
The man from Spain spoke English so well that I had to compliment him.

I was horribly embarrassed when I fell down in the school cafeteria.
Mom, please don't embarrass me in front of my friends!
The girl was embarrassed when the boy complimented her on her pretty eyes.

My brother likes to eat worms. Yuck!

I took a bite of soup, but I got a piece of bone in my mouth, so I had to spit it out.
Don't spit your gum out on the sidewalk!

When I was little, I thought tomatoes were disgusting. But now I love them.
I hate movies with a lot of killing and blood. I think it's disgusting.

I laughed so much at that movie. It was hysterical!
The girls laughed hysterically, until tears came to their eyes.

He was an engineer, but he decided to switch jobs. Now he's a teacher.
Will you switch your work schedule with me? I will work Friday for you if you work Thursday for me.

I can't wait until I have a car that is my own.
This is my own song; I wrote it myself.