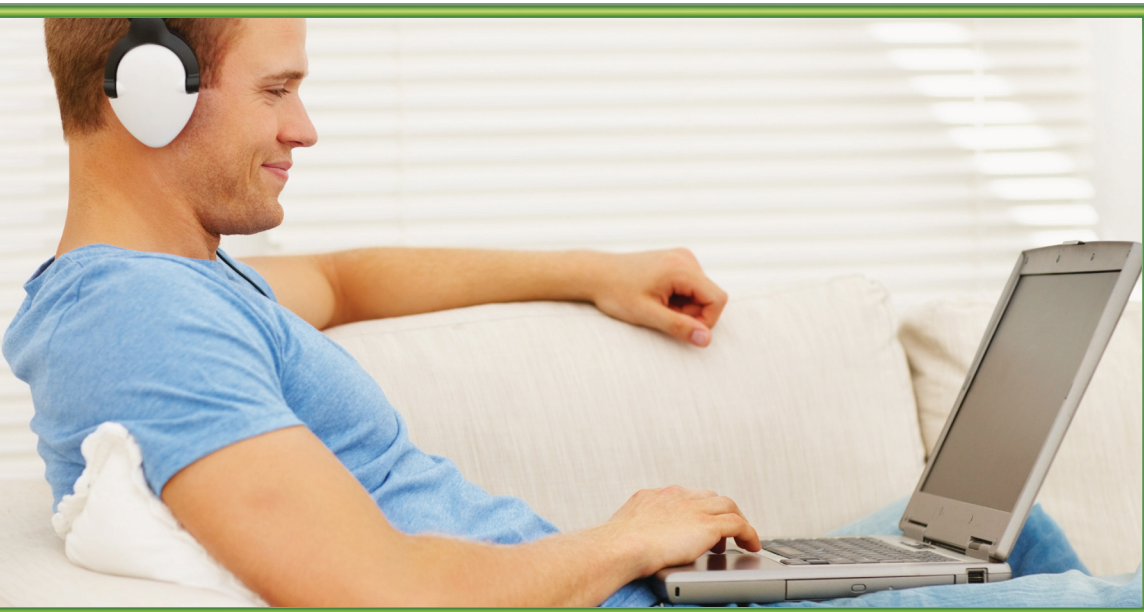


Grammar Lesson

Lesson 13: It's a device that's small
レッスン 13: これは装置で小さいのです

Target: Describing items and people using relative clauses
 目的: 関係詞節を使って、物や人々について説明しましょう!

Reading
単語

New vocabulary introduced in the reading

• self-professed	自ら認める	• a disaster	惨事
• a freak	熱狂的愛好家	• a household	家庭
• can't get enough of...	十分に得ることができない	• project...	映す
• tinker with...	いじくり回す	• a humidifier	加湿器
• mechanical	機械の	• constantly	いつも
• tune...	調整する	• in the space of...	の間に
• ECM	エンジン制御モジュール	• bear	～を辛抱する
• imagine...	想像する	• financially	金融的に
• trigger...	動作（始動）させる	• last the test of time	時の試練が続く

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Read the passage and circle the new words as you find them

I'm a self-professed technology and gadget freak. I just can't get enough of them; they're like toys to me. Of course, I have my fair share of tools as well since I enjoy tinkering in the garage in my free time with just about anything mechanical. I got the coolest tool the other day. It's a tool that allows me to directly tune my motorcycle's ECM. ECM stands for Engine Control Module.

My garage is full of everything you could imagine. The washer that handles all our laundry just died the other day so it's time for a new one. I'll never forget last month when the dishwasher started smoking and it triggered the smoke alarm. That was a disaster as there was water all over the kitchen floor. The man who normally repairs our appliances was out of town so I had to call another company that charged us nearly double. In the end we bought a new one. The reason why I bought a new one was the age of the machine. We were better off just completely replacing it than continually repairing it.

Therefore, I had to make a trip to one of my favorite stores. You guessed it, they sell every gadget, device, tool and instrument that you'll ever need for your household. I found so many cool things. I found a TV that you can use in the bathroom. I found a refrigerator that goes in your car. I found a knife that will cut through almost anything. I found a phone that will work anywhere in the world. The most interesting thing that I found though was a small portable projector that connects to your phone and lets you project the movies on your phone as big as 100 inches. Unfortunately, my wife didn't let me buy any of these items.

My wife and I ended up buying a dishwasher and a new humidifier. We got a humidifier because we wanted something which will help with the dry air during summertime. My wife was the one who suggested we get it as I was constantly complaining about the dry air; however, the family room is where she wants to put it rather than in my study.

What my wife said was so true though; that I really need to take good care of our appliances so they'll last a long time. Having to replace two major appliances in the space of a month was a lot to bear financially as they were both quite expensive. I made sure to get top trusted brands that have good track records and will last the test of time.

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Answer the questions below

1. What happened to the washer that handles all their laundry?
2. What won't he ever forget?
3. Where was the man who normally repairs their appliances?
4. Did he find a knife that could cut through almost anything?
5. Did they want something that would help with the dry air during summer?
6. Is the study where his wife put the humidifier?
7. Did he buy trusted brands that have a good track record?
8. How many relative clauses can you find?