

Lesson



- **Topic:** Lake Como
- **Focus:** To learn about one of the most beautiful places in the world;
to understand the importance of preservation
- **Grammar Points:** seem/appear, cleft structures, dummy object *it* - SVO(=it)C

1 It seems that / seems to be

A. It **seems that** you *are* tired.

It seemed that Lake Como is a popular spot for movie stars. [~ pg.16, l.7]
(appeared)

B. You **seem to be** tired.

Everyone seemed to want to live there. [pg.17, l.3]
(appeared)

seem も appear もほぼ同じ意味ですが、seemの方がより多く使われます。

2 Cleft Structure - 強調構文 - It is ~ that (who)...

言いたいことをはっきりと伝えたい時や誤解を解きたい時などに強調構文を使います。

A. It's *John* **that (who)** likes Chieko. (主語を強調する場合)

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It was George Clooney that made Lake Como famous. [~ pg.17, l.1]

B. It's *coffee* **that** I need in the morning. (目的語を強調する場合)

s v

[the] sound of
(sailboats)

It was the sound of sailboats that we heard. [~ pg.17, l.9]

C. It's *because you are nice* **that** I like you. (副詞句 (節) を強調する場合)

3 SVO(=it) C infinitive/gerund/that - 形式目的語の it

A. I find **it** fun *to speak* English. / I find **it** hard *speaking* English.

s v o c

s v o c

The people made it difficult to change even a window. [~ pg.17, l.14]

B. I think **it** interesting **that** no one knew about this problem.

s v o c

この場合、find と make はより自然な表現で、think は少し固い表現となります。

take (it)
for granted

Many people take it for granted that this beautiful place will always be there.

[~ pg.17, l.22]

Read the conversations below and guess the meaning of the colored words and phrases by writing a synonym in the parentheses (____). If you need help, look at the choices in the box at the bottom of this page.

A. Ayumi: Have you ever heard of Lake Como?

Steven: I watched a TV show about it. It seems that many

[a] **celebrity**
/sə'lebrəti/

celebrities (_____) go there on vacation.

Ayumi: That's right. Brad Pitt and Angelina Jolie, David Beckham, Tom Cruise - they all go to Lake Como on vacation.

B. Mie: I want to buy a **villa** (_____).

[a] **villa**
/'vɪlə/

Fay: You'll need a lot of money to do that.

Mie: Yes, I know. But I want a big, beautiful house.

Fay: Well, when you buy it, please invite me.

C. Tina: I need to find a new apartment with a large **terrace** (_____).

[a] **terrace**
/'terəs/

Dave: Why do you need a large terrace?

Tina: Because I like gardening. I want to put my flowers outside in the sun.

Dave: O.K. Let's check the Internet...

Hmm. It seems that apartments with a large terrace are expensive.

D. Fumie: How many **billionaires** (_____) are there in the world?

[a] **billionaire**
/'bɪljənər/

Danny: I think there are about 2000.

Fumie: Are there any Japanese billionaires?

Danny: Yes. For example, Masayoshi Son and Hiroshi Mikitani are billionaires.

But it's Bill Gates of Microsoft that has the most money.

E. Fiona: I think it too bad that Tom didn't come to our party.

permission
/pə'r'mɪʃən/

Eriko: Maybe he couldn't get his parents' **permission** (_____).

famous people / very rich people / O.K. / veranda (balcony) / gorgeous home / room

Pre-Reading

In groups, discuss the following questions.

1. Where is this place? Why do you think so?
2. Which picture(s) do you like most? Why?
3. Would you like to visit this place? If yes, what could you do there?

