

Contrast Drills

Example 1

T: How was your commute this morning?

S: Better than yesterday. My commute wasn't delayed.

T: My *train* wasn't *delayed*.

S: My train wasn't delayed.

T: My *commute* wasn't *long*.

S: My commute wasn't long. I see.

T: My train?

S: Wasn't delayed.

T: My commute?

S: Wasn't long.

T: So how was your commute?

S: It was good. My train wasn't delayed.

If needed, support with more examples:

My train was *on time, crowded*.

My commute was *easy, long, alright*.

Example 2

T: How was your weekend?

S: It was good. My sister and my nephew came to visit.

My nephew is very pretty.

T: Hmm. Please repeat.

My *nephew* is very *cute*.

S: My *nephew* is very *cute*.

T: My *niece* is very *pretty*.

S: My niece is very pretty. Ok, I understand.

T: My nephew?

S: Is cute.

T: My niece?

S: Is pretty.

T: Great. So how was your weekend?

S: It was good. MY sister and my nephew came to visit.

My nephew is very cute.

Later, review and explain cute is ok for both. Or, extend the drill by using more examples: son/daughter, boyfriend/girlfriend, etc.