

# How to Explain Something in English

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## EXPLAIN SOMETHING & ASK FOR EXPLANATIONS

Can you explain . . .

after all

as a matter of fact

as much as anything

at bottom

being...

by extension

Can I get back to you on that?

Can we save that until later?

Can you tell me why . . .

due to unforeseen circumstances

for example / for instance

for one reason or another

for reasons of economy/safety/security etc

Here's what happened:

i mean (to say)

i.e.

I'll explain (a little) later.

I'm sorry. I can't tell you that (right now).

in case

in other words / to put it another way

in that

in the first place

it's just that...

it's not that...it's just that

judging by/from something

Let me explain.

Let me tell you why . . .

on this/that account

pure and simple

since

so to speak

that is to say

The reason is . . .

the rest is history

the thing is

the whole point

there it is/there you are/there you go

There's a (good) reason for this:

to put it in a nutshell

to put it mildly

to put it simply

We'll come to that later.

We'll get to that in a few minutes.

Well, . . .

What happened . . .

you see