

Fine: One Word, Three Lives

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Study task: Listen again and notice the expressions you studied.

1

fine — acceptable

convenable; acceptable

DEF

Acceptable or satisfactory in a particular situation.

Use something is fine with someone to accept an arrangement; the word alone does not establish enthusiasm or hidden feelings.

FR

Acceptable ou satisfaisant dans une situation donnée.

Utilise something is fine with someone pour accepter un arrangement ; le mot seul ne révèle ni enthousiasme ni sentiments cachés.

Meeting at six is fine with me.

Meeting at six is fine with me. → Un rendez-vous à six heures me convient.

A short email is fine for this update.

A short email is fine for this update. → Un court courriel convient pour cette mise à jour.

2

a fine

une amende

DEF

Money that someone must pay as a punishment for breaking a rule or law.

This is a countable noun: get a fine or pay a fine; contrast it with the adjective in that is fine.

FR

Somme à payer comme sanction pour avoir enfreint une règle ou une loi.

C'est un nom dénombrable : get a fine ou pay a fine ; compare-le à l'adjectif dans that is fine.

Martin had to pay a parking fine.

Martin had to pay a parking fine. → Martin a dû payer une amende de stationnement.

The company received a fine for breaking the rules.

The company received a fine for breaking the rules. → L'entreprise a reçu une amende pour avoir enfreint les règles.

3

fine print

les petits caractères

DEF

Small printed writing, especially details or conditions that are easily overlooked.

Read the fine print is a common pattern; small print is also common, especially in British English.

FR

Petit texte imprimé, notamment les détails ou conditions que l'on risque de négliger.

Read the fine print est une association courante ; small print est également fréquent, surtout en anglais britannique.

The extra charge was explained in the fine print.

The extra charge was explained in the fine print. → Les frais supplémentaires étaient expliqués dans les petits caractères.

Read the fine print before accepting the offer.

Read the fine print before accepting the offer. → Lis les petits caractères avant d'accepter l'offre.

