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Hola, casualmente me he encontrado con las dos siguientes frases: -It's not easy to find a good man -It isn't easy travelling alone in a foreign country. ¿Por qué en una de ellas se usa gerundio y en la otra infinitivo? Yo pensaba que después de adjetivo va infinitivo. Gracias. Pero nada impide que digas "not easy finding" o "isn't easy to travel alone"; el infinitivo y el gerundio tienen en común que son formas no personales del verbo (non-finite verbs), y por lo tanto no es raro que sean intercambiables. Ahora bien, lo que determina el uso del infinitivo o del gerundio es la naturaleza del adjetivo (o verbo también, por ejemplo), y no que "después del adjetivo siempre ha de ir el infinitivo". En tus ejemplos, el gerundio presenta la acción del verbo en desarrollo. Saludos For me there is a difference. The infinitive is impersonal and time-independent. The gerund often suggests an ongoing and personal action. 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Most of the usage of the English gerund is our infinitive (-ar-er-ir) playing its role as a noun and our gerund non personal verb as an adverb or adjective. Very pleased reading your answers and notes about English grammar. For me there is a difference. The infinitive is impersonal and time-independent. The gerund often suggests an ongoing and personal action. Examples A woman (Janet) who is actively looking for a good man, speaks to her straight friend Michael who is not looking for a man of any sort. Janet: It's not easy finding a good man. [Implication - I am in the process of looking] Michael: I'm sure it's not easy to find a good man. [Implication - I am in the process of looking] Michael: I'm sure it's not easy to find a good man. [Implication - he understands the difficulty but is not personally involved] It isn't easy to travel alone in a foreign country because the locals are always suspicious of a lone traveller. It isn't easy travelling alone in a foreign country because the locals are always suspicious of me. What if one uses the gerund up front in position #1? "Finding a good man..." Is the difference between personal involvement and abstain still going to be there? Thank you! Hi there! A friend of mine who's from Newcastle (North East England) wrote me that and I don't know how to translate it into Spanish. I give you some background. We arranged to meet in Oxford and she wrote this: "I could meet you around 2pm in Oxford and spend the day and night and travel back up on Sunday. Easy peasy lemon squeezy!" I looked up word by word and according to some web sites: Peasy means lanky, unattractive, out of shape. But is that an insult as well? E.g. I will smack your peasy ass j**k :S Squeezey (or squeezeie??): a man who plays lead guitar for a multitude of bands. He also plays ice hockey but sucks at it. This man is also huge and he can consume much beverage and state altering material. Squeezeie is also a chick magnet that all the hot chicks flock to. Squeezeie is addictive because of his humor and could incinerate your brain with laughter. (what a weird description!). I simply found this in wordreference: a squeeze of lemon = unas gotas de limón, but according to this site 'squeeze' means apretar, estrujar, exprimir... easy-peasy = super fácil, chupado regalado (a piece of cake??) Does it just mean 'pan comido'? Can anybody be so kind and help me please? Thanks in advance! Last edited: Feb 15, 2011 It's just a play on words that rhyme and sound fun! I know, but the context is...?? It's just a way of saying something is very easy. In my childhood we just said 'easy peasy' (peasy has no meaning, it just happens to rhyme), and 'lemon squeezy' has been added for the same reason. ok, that's what I was looking for. So I guess it's like 'pan comido', 'chupado', 'super fácil', etc. Thanks! She's just using a childhood/girlish phrase to say how easy the plan is (and delight at it's simplicity). A more 'male' version might be: "..... back on Sunday: piece of piss" All BrE, by the way. syd "Lemon Squeezy Easy Peasy" I remember as a jingle on television years and years ago for a type of washing up liquid so maybe the advert has stuck in people's minds and become a saying. Haha!! really? maybe! There's either a sort of washing up liquid in Spain called 'Perlán' and the jingle was '¿Es nuevo? No, lavado con Perlán' and it became a saying as well. So when a Spaniard asks you 'is your jacket/sweater/whatever new?' you've got to answer 'No, it's been washed with Perlán'. Lol I thank everyone for all the answers anyway! Hello! When do people say so? Thank you. When they are being silly Exactly. It's a rather annoying way of saying "easy". Please don't use this expression... easy peasy, easy as pie... more common than the lemon squeeze, but still on the silly side Hello. I think that the authentic version is: "Easy, peasy, Japanesey. Wash your bum in lemon Squeezy". (it was a detergent with a bizarre spelling) You would chant this as a child in the playground at school, certainly in the UK (at any point in the last fifty years). I'm not sure if this practice has died out. Maybe you could keep it alive. Learn something new every day Well, the meaning is obvious, but I do know one thing about it-- I heard it on TV last night. I think it was a Discovery-channel bit about the construction of an aircraft-carrier, modular-style, by robot cranes and computerized blueprints. And today, a post about the expression, from Russia. The day has half arrived when that damned Boob Tube will be gushing with the same swill no matter where in the world you live. It's a conduit, but one we'll have to find ways of keeping clean. A herculean task? Or easy peasy lemon squeezy? . When? whenever they feel something to be within their range of abilities. Why? because children get up to all sorts of mischief. Thanks, still I can't understand when and why children say so. Imagine a child in the school playground beating another child at a game. In a taunting, gloating way they might say: "Ha ha, beat you. Easy peasy lemon squeezy!" But equally, a mother might use it to a child, maybe after successfully convincing them to do something they were reluctant to do: "There, that wasn't difficult. Easy peasy lemon squeezy." The phrase itself makes no real sense, except for the word "easy". Don't take it literally, what would adults say instead of easy peasy lemon squeezy? I've been saying it currently, without knowing it was a childish way of saying. I am blushing.... Thanks, still I can't understand when and why children say so. It's a fun thing to say (a matter of opinion, of course). It's basically playing with language and making rhymes. So when children say it they say it because it's fun to say! Children are always playing with language, exploring it and changing it. Or to put it in another ways, they're silly billyies, like me Easy as pie! Piece of cake! It's a breeze! It's a walk in the park! I've even heard "easy-breezy" from adults who would never say "Easy-peasy." That's a sweet peace of info, thanks to all! so just means don't care or easy It doesn't mean "don't care", in my opinion. It only means "easy" or "no problem". Yes, 'don't care' could be expressed as: don't mind/doesn't matter/no mind/whatever/whichever/couldn't give a damn/couldn't care less... Exactly. It's a rather annoying way of saying "easy". Please don't use this expression... Sorry - grew up with it. I've got my six year old saying it, and now some people at work are using it. Long live "easy peasy, lemon squeezy" Hello. I think that the authentic version is: "Easy, peasy, Japanesey. Wash your bum in lemon Squeezy". (it was a detergent with a bizarre spelling) You would chant this as a child in the playground at school, certainly in the UK (at any point in the last fifty years). I'm not sure if this practice has died out. Maybe you could keep it alive. I've got to point out... that this would be very offensive to lots of people saying "Easy, peasy, Japanesey, Wash your bum in lemon Squeezy". Think I wouldn't be doing my job if I didn't point it out. I find it offensive at least. I saw your post and would appreciate some clarification as to why you state this phrase is offensive. Having lived six years in Japan and now married (14 years) to a Japanese woman with two beautiful, mixed race children, I consider my sensitivity to racial slurs rather acute. However, I have yet to find any historical evidence that this phrase was used as a racial slur. Please enlighten me with what you have uncovered in your research. Can anyone shed light on the relevance of the "Japanesey" inclusion in the "original" version from post #5?? ICU812 I am also married to a wonderful Japanese woman , from an interned family incidentally, so also sensitive to slurs. I don't think Jameh0 was suggesting this was intended and used as a slur or insult when it was being used. When I read the phrase, my PC (political correctness) light came on and I wondered why the word Japanese was in the jingle. Is it appropriate, could it cause offence, what does it mean? Is it innocuous and used solely for rhyme and meter, or is there an implication about Japanese here somewhere? Does it mean they are to be complimented on their cleanliness, or should clean more? The potential for slur is there (recognized these days, but maybe not back then, in a manner similar to the words like gyped, welshed, jewed etc.). Those words have, thankfully, largely dropped out of use, for obvious reasons. Perhaps this reaction reflects on me and my world view, but you'd be surprised, or maybe not, how many people still use the word Jap as a derogatory term and how insulting it is, whether used by someone intending to insult or just not being aware that it is perceived that way. Is it innocuous and used solely for rhyme and meter [...]? That was my reaction: this is a children's nonsense rhyme, after all ICU812, I somehow doubt you'll get an answer from Jameh0 - he hasn't visited since he posted the comment you reacted to. In any event, welcome to the forums! That was my reaction: this is a children's nonsense rhyme, after all Thanks! I finally noticed (d'oh) the dates of the original posts (it kept coming up on g**gle!) I agree it is nothing more than rhyme and meter, with no real reference to Japanese. It has shown up in a Japanese pop-song, by the way, possibly in a dubious context : "You are easy breezy and I am Japanesey" Austin Powers made it dubious also by getting it wrong "Easy squeezey, lemon peasey Also a possible name for an incarnation of Ubuntu - Easy Peasy and the Japan localized version is... you guessed it Last edited by a moderator: Jul 16, 2009 Moderator note: I have deleted some very well written posts about topics unrelated to the question in the first post. I apologize to those who put careful thought and effort into writing those posts, but we need to stay on or at least near the subject of the thread. We say this all the time in the family when we're teasing each other - not don't use it out of the family. But I hadn't realised its apparent origins with the washing-up liquid Sqezy (surely it's been overtaken by Fairy Liquid now; ewie: it's spelt with a single , and available in this part of the world!). According to this, The brand first appeared on the shelves in 1964 as "easy peasy lemon sqezy" washing up liquid. So did the phrase originate here or did it pre-date Sqezy? Last edited: Jul 16, 2009 百度知道>提示信息 知道宝贝找不到问题了>_

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