

Disgrifio Pethau

Unit 7 - Describing Things

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1. Amser Presennol 'Bod'

Present Tense of the Verb 'Bod' (is/are)

Yn + ansoddair - Yn + adjective

When adjectives are used on their own in a sentence, e.g. not describing a noun (bachgen **da**, cath **bert**), they are preceded by 'yn'. This 'yn' triggers a soft mutation. Examples of this are when describing the weather.

Mae hi'n wlyb	(It's wet)
Mae hi'n gymylog	(It's cloudy)
Mae hi'n ddiflas yn Llambed	(It's miserable in Lampeter)
Mae hi'n heulog yn Aberystwyth heddiw	(It's sunny in Aberystwyth today)

We also use this pattern when we describe people in the present tense (is / are) .

Rwy't ti'n bert	(You are pretty)
Mae e'n olygus	(He is handsome)
Maen nhw'n dal	(They are tall)
Dyn ni ddim yn gyfoethog	(We aren't rich)
Dw i'n gryf	(I'm strong)
Mae'r dyn yn gas	(The man is nasty)
Dw i ddim yn ddoeth	(I'm not wise)

2. Rhestr o ansoddeiriau - List of adjectives

If we use more than one adjective, **each one** is preceded by 'yn':

Mae Dafydd yn fyr ac yn dew	(Dafydd is short and fat)
Mae Delyth yn dal , yn bert ac yn olau	(Delyth is tall, pretty and fair)
Roedd e'n gryf ac yn gas	(He was strong and nasty)
Dych chi'n ddoeth ac yn denau ac yn olygus	(You are wise, slim and handsome)

3. Negyddol - Negative

The same rules apply in negative sentences:

Dw i ddim yn ddiddorol	<i>(I'm not interesting)</i>
Dyw hi ddim yn bert	<i>(She's not pretty)</i>
Dyn nhw ddim yn ifanc	<i>(They aren't young)</i>
Dydy Dylan Thomas ddim yn fyw	<i>(Dylan Thomas isn't alive)</i>
Dyw hi ddim yn dal a dyw hi ddim yn denau	<i>(She isn't tall and she isn't thin)</i>
Maen nhw'n brysur ond dyn nhw ddim yn gyfoethog	<i>(They are busy but they aren't rich)</i>

4. Cwestiynau - Questions

The same applies in questions in the present tense:

Ydy e'n fyr ?	<i>(Is he short?)</i>
Ydy Mair yn bert ?	<i>(Is Mair pretty?)</i>
Ydyn nhw'n olau ?	<i>(Are they fair?)</i>
Wyt ti'n gryf ac yn ddewr ?	<i>(Are you strong and brave?)</i>

5. Amser Amherffaith 'Bod' - The Imperfect Tense of 'Bod'

The same use of the word 'yn' is made in the imperfect tense (was/were):

Roeddwn i'n drist	<i>I was sad</i>
Roedd Rhys yn gynnar	<i>Rhys was early</i>
Roeddet ti'n bert	<i>You were pretty</i>
Roedd e'n foel	<i>He was bald</i>
Roedd hi'n niwlog yn Abertawe ddoe	<i>It was misty in Swansea yesterday</i>
Roedd Aneurin Bevan yn ddoeth	<i>(Aneurin Bevan was wise)</i>
Roeddech c hi'n dawel	<i>You were quiet</i>

Roedden nhw'n **denau**

They were thin

6. Negative sentences in the imperfect tense take the same pattern:

Doedd Rhys ddim yn **gynnar**

Rhys wasn't early

Doedd hi ddim yn **dew**

She wasn't fat

Doedd Steffan ddim yn **dal**

Steffan wasn't tall

Doedden nhw ddim yn **ddrwg**

They weren't bad

7. Question in the imperfect tense also follow this pattern

Oedd? - Was/ were?

Oedd Tom yn **dal**?

Oedd

Was Tom tall?

Yes, he was

Oedd e'n **ddrud**?

Nac oedd

Was it expensive?

No, it wasn't

Oedd Bethan yn **bert**?

Oedd

Was Bethan pretty?

Yes, she was

Oedd hi'n **fyr**?

Nac oedd

Was she short?

No, she wasn't

Oedden nhw'n **drist**?

Nac oedden

Were they sad?

No, we weren't

8. A / AC

We have already mentioned 'a' is used in front of a consonant and 'ac' in front of a vowel. We also place 'ac' in front of the personal forms of the verb '**bod**' which begin with the letters '**r**' and '**m**' -

ac mae

ac roedd

ac rwyf

ac rwyf

ac maen nhw, etc.

Mae Rhian yn **dal** ac mae hi'n ifanc

Rhian is tall and she is young

Roedd Richard Burton yn **olygus** ac roedd e'n **gyfoethog**

9. Goleddfu Ansoddeiriau *Adjective Modifiers*

The adjective modifiers are placed before the adjective, except 'iawn' meaning **very**, which is placed **after the adjective**.

The most common adjective modifiers are:

iawn	<i>very</i>
eitha	<i>quite, fairly</i>
mor	<i>so</i>
rhy	<i>too</i>
digon	<i>enough, quite, rather</i>
braidd	<i>rather</i>

mor and **rhy** - trigger a soft mutation

Mae'r dyn yn gryf iawn	<i>The man is very strong</i>
Ydy hi'n bert iawn?	<i>Is she very pretty?</i>
Roedd y car yn eitha' drud	<i>The car was quite expensive</i>
Oedd hi'n eitha' tenau?	<i>Was she quite thin?</i>
Roedd Hitler mor gas	<i>Hitler was so nasty</i>
Roedden nhw mor dawel	<i>They were so quiet</i>
Maen nhw'n rhy dost	<i>They are too ill</i>
Ydy e'n rhy dew?	<i>Is he too fat?</i>

Mae'r fasedd yn ddigon trwm *The basket is fairly heavy*

Oedden nhw'n ddigon hapus? *Were they fairly happy?*

Mae'r bont braidd yn wan *The bridge is rather weak*

Oedd y rhaglen braidd yn ddiflas? *Was the programme rather miserable?*

10. Hefyd Too/Also

Hefyd is also commonly used in every day language.

Mae Dafydd yn dal ac yn gryf hefyd *Dafydd is tall and he is strong too*

Mae hi'n bwrw glaw ac mae hi'n oer hefyd *It is raining and it is also cold*