

**Listening: Write down the sentence the teacher reads.**

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**Grammar: Using ABOUT**

This textbook is about early American history. That book is about an orphan that became a millionaire.

I ran about four miles today. (This means a little more or a little less.) You use this when you are not sure exactly how much, or where the exact amount is not necessary. It doesn't sound right to say, "I ran 4.1 miles today." So we just say, "I ran about 4 miles today."

You can also say, "I ran just over a mile." OR "I ran over a mile." OR "I ran a little under a mile." Talk about the differences in these sentences.

Should I use "about" or "on". Example: We had a conversation about money. We heard a lecture on financial planning.

The rule is: Use "about" to talk about ordinary or general kinds of communication. Use "on" to talk about more serious forms of communication.

About plus an infinitive means "going to very soon". EX: Don't go out, we're about to have lunch. I was about to go to bed when the telephone rang. I'm not about to pay \$100 for that dress.

**More examples:**

- I was about to go out.
- I was about to say the same thing.
- I was about to call you.
- I was about to order some take-out.
- I was about to go swimming.

**Vocabulary: Choose the correct definition for the underlined word.**

1. You will be provided with two sets of keys.  
discovered    furnished    caught
2. She spent the weekend helping us move.  
exhausted    devoted    paid
3. He is blessed with good health and good looks.  
favored    adored    requested
4. They accepted our proposal with enthusiasm.  
kindness    delight    disdain
5. My wife handled the angry neighbor with perfect diplomacy.  
named    touched    managed
6. I'm afraid my brother is madly in love with a woman who will break his heart.  
awkwardly    patiently    extremely
7. Whether I decide to marry her or not is really none of your concern.  
business    indifference    privacy
8. Do you think this shirt clashes with the colors in this tie?  
offends    matches    conflicts
9. My colleague disagrees with your estimation of the time required to finish this project.  
calculation    admiration    sympathy
10. She seasoned the soup with a mixture of Indian spices.  
accomplished    qualified    flavored