

FUMC ESL 6-25-2018 High Intermediate Lesson

Pronunciation: Silent Letters-WR, KN, MN, MB

In WR, the first letter is silent. Only the R is pronounced. Say these words.

wrap	wren	wristband
wrapper	wrench	write
wreath	wring	writer
wreck	wrinkle	wrong
wreckage	wrist	wrote

In KN, the first letter is silent. Only the N is pronounced. Say these words.

knew	knight
knife	knit
knuckle	knob
knead	knock
knee	knock-off
kneecap	knockout
kneel	knowledge
kneeling	knot

In MN and MB, the last letter is silent. Only the M is pronounced. Say these words.

(mn)	(mb)	(mb)
autumn	bomb	lamb
column	climb	limb
condemn	comb	numb
hymn	crumb	plumber
solemn	dumb	thumb

Practice pronouncing these word pairs:

comb - come	knee - need	crumb - crime	thumb - thin	numb - number
wren - when	knuckle - nickel	limb - limp	bomb - bob	lamb - lamp

VOCABULARY: CUT

Cut is a simple verb which means to penetrate with a sharp object like a knife. It can also mean to separate into pieces or to make an incision. So you can cut your finger, cut your fingernails, cut the grass, cut the cake, cut your hair, or cut a path through the woods.

Cut can also mean to reduce. So you can cut the budget, cut your hours, cut players from the team. Make a sentence using each of these examples.

Cut can mean to change direction suddenly. So you can cut to the right to avoid the train. Cut can mean take a shortcut: cut through the park, cut across his property, cut in line. Make a sentence with each of these examples.

Cut can mean dilute: He cut the whiskey with some water. Cut can mean break or stop: cut the power, cut the engine. Cut can mean record: cut a new album. Cut can mean issue: cut a check for \$40. Make a sentence with each of these examples.

Finally, cut can mean not handle something: I couldn't cut the long hours so I quit. Make a sentence with this example.

Students read these conversations and explain what is happening.

Dexter: I have to cut the grass this weekend.

Jane: I thought you paid someone to cut your grass.

Dexter: I used to. But we are cutting our budget now. My wife lost her job, so we don't have a lot of money.

Jane: Be careful. My nephew was cutting our grass barefooted. He ran over his foot with the mower and cut his foot. It was a bad cut. We had to take him to the emergency room.

What does Dexter have to do? Why doesn't he pay someone to cut his grass? Why does Jane tell Dexter to be careful?

Lou: There is a wreck ahead. The traffic on the freeway is backing up. I should cut over to the outside lane and exit the freeway? I can take a shortcut through the park, then get back on the freeway in front of the wreck.

Jan: The cars ahead are stopping. You should cut your speed. You don't want to hit anyone.

Why is Lou going to cut over to the outside lane? What is a shortcut? Why does Jan tell Lou to cut his speed?

Lee: I think we should hire Gary. He has an excellent education and good job experience. He is a cut above all the other candidates.

Terri: I like Gary, but I don't think he is cut out to be a manager. He is very quiet and shy. I don't think he could take control of all the cut-ups we have working here.

Lee: There are two guys who are the worst cut-ups. I think they would cut Gary some slack since he would be a new manager.

Terri: We can tell the two of them to behave or we will cut them loose. This job requires a serious minded person.

Lee: Gary will have his work cut out for him. If Gary doesn't cut the mustard, we can let him go.

Why does Lee want to hire Gary? Why doesn't Terri think Gary is cut out to be a manager? What will Terri tell the two cut-ups? What does Terri say this job requires? What will happen if Gary doesn't cut the mustard?