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Pronunciation Exercise: Circle the word the teacher says

fur or fear
catch or cash
fair or fear
cod or card
look or luck
know or now
bed or bad
lit or light
bat or bet
cat or kept
why or way
boot or boat
noon or nun
beige or bays
thirst or first
sock or shock

Write at least two things for each list. Then take turns reading the things on your list to the group.

List things you would say to a waiter:

List things you would ask an airline employee:

List things you would tell a doctor:

List ways to start a conversation with a stranger:

List things you should NEVER say to a friend:

List things you would tell your children:

List questions you are frequently asked?

Are you a person who likes to make lists? What kinds of things do you make lists of?

Read the sentences below stressing the word in bold. Discuss how it changes the meaning of the sentence.

I don't think he should get that job. (implies someone else thinks he should get the job)

I don't think **he** should get that job. (implies you think someone else should get the job)

I don't think he should get **that** job. (implies you think he should get a different job)

I think Jim did it. (you might not think Jim did it, but I do)
I **think** Jim did it. (I'm not sure, but Jim might have done it)
I think **Jim** did it. (Jim, not someone else did it)

Explain the differences in these sentences.

He walked to the party yesterday.
He **walked** to the party yesterday.
He walked to the **party** yesterday.
He walked to the party **yesterday**.

Read the conversations below and explain in your own words what is happening.

Jack: I had to cancel my vacation to the beach because my company needed me to fly to Chicago to help sell this new deal.

Brendan: Aw, that's too bad. I know you were disappointed about the vacation.

Jack: It turned out to be a blessing in disguise. It ended up raining all weekend at the beach and Chicago was great. After we sold the deal, I took the rest of the weekend and visited all the great museums in Chicago.

+What is a blessing in disguise? Talk about a time you had a blessing in disguise.

Jane: Jim cancelled our date at the last minute because one of his friends offered him a ticket to the basketball play-offs. I was so mad.

Mom: I can understand you being mad, but you did the same thing to him a few weeks ago. You were supposed to go to the movie with him, but you cancelled when Sharon asked you to go to the fashion show. It sounds like you just got a taste of your own medicine.

+What does it mean to get a taste of your own medicine? Have you ever gotten a taste of your own medicine?

Kim: Should we go to the theatre, or should we see the new movie everyone is raving about?

Linda: It's really a toss-up. Either one would be fun.

+What is a toss-up? Give an example of a choice that would be a toss-up.

Kim: We ate some great curry at the Thai restaurant last night.

Jill: I love spicy food, but it doesn't love me. I just can't eat it anymore.

Kim: I can eat anything. I have an iron stomach.

What is an iron stomach? Do you have one. What's your favorite spicy food?