

**I. Pronunciation:**

Pronounce these two words: ace cancel

In "ace" the c sounds like an s. In cancel, the first c sounds like a k and the second c like an s.

When c has the s sound, it is called a soft c. When c has the k sound, it is called the hard c.

The Rule: In front of e, i or y, C almost always has an s sound (sister). There are a few exceptions.

Practice pronouncing these words. Tell whether they fit the rule.

cactus	calendar	soccer	census	cell	calculator
since	bicycle	circuit	circle	carpet	sentence
accept	grace	decency	candle	citrus	crystal

**II. Work on these conversations in pairs. Read them aloud to your group and tell what the underlined words or phrases mean.**

S: Are you close to your siblings?

T: I'm very close to my little sister. We're only 15 months apart. My brothers are several years older, so we are not as close.

U: I sent close to fifty invitations for the open house. I can't understand why more people didn't show up.

V: Friday afternoon might not be the best time for an open house. Lots of people are heading out of town.

W: How was your vacation?

X: Hawaii was wonderful. It rained almost every day, but we had a good time in spite of the weather.

Y: It was really scary. The intruder broke down the door. I panicked and jumped out the back window.

Z: Wow, what happened next?

Y: I ran to the neighbors and called the police. It turned out the guy was really drunk and thought he was at his own house. He didn't have a key, so when no one answered the door, he just kicked it in. The police arrested him and hauled him off to jail.

A: Ooh, I love it that you keep chocolate kisses on your desk. May I have one?

B: Sure, help yourself.

C: I know this sweetest girl. I'll set you up on a date with her. Her name is Cindy. You're going to love her. I'll call her right now.

D: Hold your horses. I'm not even sure I want to go on a date. I haven't seen this girl and I know nothing about her.

E: I am going to Walmart. Do you want me to get you anything?

F: No, thanks. I hate those big box stores. I prefer to shop at small Mom and Pop stores.

G: My son wants to live in a co-ed dorm at college, but I think he'll study harder if there are no girls nearby.

H: Are you sending him with plenty of munchies. Those college boys really get hungry when they are pulling an all-nighter.

**III. Fill in the blanks in this paragraph with the words in the table below.**

chores	due	impatient	prioritize	procrastinating	to do list
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I have too many things to do today. My friends are coming over for dinner tonight. I need to make a \_\_\_\_\_ list and stop \_\_\_\_\_. I have to buy food for dinner. I have some \_\_\_\_\_ to do around the house, and I also have to finish my homework. It's \_\_\_\_\_ tomorrow. now I need to \_\_\_\_\_ the tasks on my list. First, I want to do the shopping because it is the most important. Next, I'll cook the food. My friends might get \_\_\_\_\_ if they have to wait for dinner. Then, I'll clean up the house. Will I have time to do my homework before they arrive? Probably not.

#### IV. Questions

1. What is Olivia's problem?
  - a. She has too many things to do.
  - b. She has too much homework.
  - c. She doesn't have enough work to do.
  
2. Olivia needs to stop \_\_\_\_\_.
  - a. cooking
  - b. procrastinating
  - c. doing chores
  - d. doing homework
  
3. When Olivia prioritizes, she'll do \_\_\_\_\_.
  - a. some of her tasks
  - b. the most difficult tasks later
  - c. the most important tasks first
  - d. all of the tasks as quickly as possible.
  
4. When friends are impatient, they are not willing to \_\_\_\_\_.
  - a. eat
  - b. wait
  - c. prioritize
  - d. procrastinate
  
5. When you don't have time, you are too \_\_\_\_\_.
  - a. busy
  - b. late
  - c. upset
  - d. tired

#### V. Discuss with your group.

Are you good at prioritizing tasks?  
 What things are on your to do list for today?  
 What chores do you enjoy doing?