

SPEAKING PRACTICE: Choose a topic and speak to the class on this subject for a few minutes.
What do you like most and least about living outside your home country.
What traditions does your family observe?
What style of house do you prefer? (traditional, modern, open concept, cottage) Describe your style.
How do supermarkets differ in your country?
Compare your home city to Austin.

PRONUNCIATION: (TEACHERS-let the students try to pronounce the words correctly. Ask them to correct each other. Then you correct if necessary. Have them repeat the words several times.)

- 1-How is the letter "i" pronounced in these words?
appliance applicable ambient
- 2-How does the beginning sound vary in these words?
ferry very
- 3-How is the letter "r" pronounced in these words?
river ride rink rice
- 4-Do these words begin with the same sound?
illegal instruct island irrelevant
- 5-How is the "y" pronounced in these words?
rhyme labyrinth pyre (as in a funeral pyre)
- 6-What is the difference in the "y" sound in these two words
rhythm rhyme

7-Pronounce these word pairs:

ship	chip	shear	cheer	watching	washing
shoe	chew	chin	gin	etch	edge
witch	wish	bridges	britches	mush	much
badge	batch	payer	prayer	major	mayor
cash	catch	leash	leech	year	ear

8-Do you sound the "g" in these words:
align sign gnaw foreign cologne champagne

9-Which words sound the "d":
handkerchief handsome reduction Wednesday ballad sandwich chord

10-Which letter is silent in these words:
climb wreck knit receipt chemical assign disciple doubt tomb whistle guilty

WORD IDIOMS: Read the sentences and tell what the underlined words mean. Give an example of when you would use this idiom.

1. We have just received word that Governor Perry will not run for re-election.
2. Minimalism is the latest buzz word in architecture.
3. The name of the styling salon where I get my hair done is, "A Cut Above". It's a play on words.
4. Please tell me what happened at the meeting. I promise I won't breathe a word to anyone.
5. John broke his word to grandmother that he would stay out of trouble. He got arrested for shoplifting yesterday.
6. If Jack said he would call, he will. He is as good as his word.
7. When she told me she was going out with one of her students who is fifteen years younger, I was at a loss for words.
8. I worked with Tom for over a year and we never exchanged more than a few words.
9. My next door neighbor and I exchanged heated words over his barking dogs.
10. I asked Peter to tell the boss the bad news. Peter really has a way with words. He'll be able to make the news sound better.
11. I'm happy to babysit anytime you need me. Just say the word and I'll be there.
12. She's so crazy about him that she hangs on his every word.

13. Could you put in a good word for me with your boss?
14. The rules state that you are required to attend every class without fail, or words to that effect.
15. I memorized my speech word for word.
16. In any argument, Mary insists on having the last word.
17. I didn't say that. You are twisting my words.
18. She said she wouldn't speak to him again, but as soon as he called she ran to the phone. Now she claims she really want speak to him anymore. Famous last words!
19. Could you leave word for Tom that I need those construction figures as soon as possible.
20. I'm going to retire at the end of the year, but I haven't told anyone else yet, so Mum's the word.