

PRONUNCIATION PRACTICE-practice saying these words that sound similar

ship—sheep fit—feet bit—beat sit—seat knit—neat

rich—reach chip—cheat six—seek hill—he'll filled—field

ill—eel itch—each pitch—peach risen—reason

Teachers: Pick up an OPD and give the students a quick look at the vocabulary on page 134-5. Answer questions about any vocabulary they don't understand.

Group Discussion: Students, choose one topic. Read it to the class. Answer the question. Then lead a class discussion on the topic.

1. Some people say that writing letters is a lost art. Everyone uses electronic communication today. No one writes letters any more. I think that's sad because without letters we don't have a record of the communication. For example, I still have the letters my dad wrote to my mom when he was overseas. When I read them, I feel like I am there with them. It gives me insight into their lives.

Do you agree with this sentiment or do you think it is silly? What are the advantages of email over letters? Do you have any old family letters that you plan to keep?

2. My mother always taught me to write a thank you note any time you receive a gift or someone does something for you. Now many people don't write thank you notes. They just call to thank you in person. Were you taught to write thank you notes? Do you write thank you notes? How does it make you feel when you give a gift and don't receive a thank you note?

3. When my father traveled he used to always send us kids a post card from wherever he went. We looked forward to receiving his cards. We liked seeing the pictures of the places he visited. Do you ever send post cards back home, or do you just text selfies to your friends and family?

4. When my mother was young, people usually rode trains when they travelled to other cities or states. She describes the fun of sitting in the dining car and watching the scenery pass. She also enjoyed having a sleeping berth where she could rest. She thinks trains were much nicer than planes. What customs and ways that are no longer followed do you miss?

There are several verbs associated with mail. Students, read the sentences below and explain the meaning of the idiom underlined.

Idioms with "write"

1. There was a nice write up in the paper this morning about a college basketball player that devotes several hours a week to tutoring young kids who are struggling in school.
2. If you will write up a contract, I will sign it.
3. Write down your address and I'll send you a post card from Spain.
4. I want your promise in writing that you will never sneak out of the house again.
5. Can I write off my medical expenses on my income tax?
6. She has so many write offs that she'll probably get money back when she files her taxes.
7. After trying to collect the debt for several months, the company finally just wrote it off.
8. She sent a really nice letter to me. I should write back and thank her.
9. I write my daughter letters all the time, but she never writes back.

10. We read the handwriting on the wall and packed up our things. It was obvious she was ready for us to move into our own place.

Idioms with “deliver”

1. Peter never delivers on his promises. He is the first one to say he will do a job, but then it never gets done. Peter should learn not to promise something he can't deliver.
2. Deliver me from those people who insist on telling you how wonderful and smart their children are. There is nothing more boring than hearing people brag on their children.
3. The man's quick thinking delivered the children from what would have been certain death.
4. Here is the deed for your property, signed, sealed and delivered.

Idioms with “receive”

1. We received word that all flights had been cancelled due to a tornado in the area.
2. I'm always on the receiving end of her temper tantrums. I'm getting pretty tired of it.

Idioms with “read”

1. I can read Leslie like a book. I know what she is going to say before she says it. I've known her since we were kids and I always know what she's thinking.
2. You must never joke about carrying bombs when you are going through the security line at the airport. Do you understand? Yes, I read you loud and clear.
3. Let me read back that account number to you.
4. Did you read Jack's letter. I did, and it worries me. If you read between the lines, you get the feeling that he is having a lot of trouble getting along with the people there. I hope he's OK.
5. I started a new novel yesterday and it was so good that I read it from cover to cover.
6. As the policeman put the cuffs on him, he read him his rights.*

*This refers to Miranda Rights. Here are your Miranda Rights:

