

FUMC ESL 4-20-2015 High Intermediate Lesson

Pronunciation: SH and CH are pronounced differently most of the time.

sheep -- cheap shop -- chop ship -- chip she's -- cheese
sheet -- cheat shoe -- chew shore -- chore shows -- chose
wish -- which shin -- chin cash -- catch share -- chair

These ch words are pronounced like sh.

champagne
mustache
parachute
machine
chef
chaperone
chandelier

Put "there is" or "it is" in the blanks below. For the questions use "is there" or "is it".

1. _____ a storm coming.
2. _____ raining.
3. _____ not my book.
4. _____ cold today.
5. _____ a nice park near here.
6. _____ difficult to find a bus schedule.
7. _____ nice to see you again.
8. _____ a flight from Austin to London every day.
9. _____ a long way to the nearest gas station.
10. _____ warmer in Mexico than here.
11. _____ dangerous to walk in the park at night.
12. _____ no excuse for your tardiness.
13. _____ a mystery why she always arrives late.
14. _____ close to nine o'clock.
15. _____ a restaurant near our house.
16. _____ possible to become a citizen in one year?
17. _____ easy to pass the citizenship test?
18. _____ a faster way to get downtown?
19. _____ a reason why so many people are poor?
20. _____ your birthday today?

Work with a partner. Read the conversations below two times. Switch parts each time.

Mary: Did you vote for President Obama?

Clark: I like President Obama. I wanted to vote for him. But I am not a citizen. I cannot vote. I will be a citizen soon. Maybe I can vote in this election.

Jane: I filled out my tax forms. I owe money this year. I wrote a check for \$1,000.000.

Jess: I did not owe money this year. My employer deducted money from my salary. I will get a refund this year. I will spend it on a new bicycle.

Jan: My son turns 18 tomorrow. He has become a man.

Linda: Remind him to register with Selective Service.

Jan: Yes, I will. I hope he doesn't have to go to war.

Linda: I hope so, too

Jo: I was chosen to serve on a jury.

Kim: When is the trial?

Jo: It starts next week.

Kim: What kind of case is it?

Jo: I am sorry, but I am not allowed to talk about the case.

Carla: I plan to become a U.S. citizen. Do you know what I must do?

Albert: Yes. You must be over 18. You must live in the U.S. for five years. You must take a citizenship test. If you pass, you will be sworn in as an American citizen. Then you can apply for an American passport.

Sara: I marched in a protest. We were protesting high taxes.

Linda: Was it a peaceful protest?

Sara: Yes. We carried signs. We chanted slogans like "No New Taxes". A woman gave a speech. She criticized the president and Congress.

Linda: Was she arrested?

Sara: No. You can criticize the government. That is called "free speech". You only get arrested if you break the law. It is not against the law to criticize the government. It is against the law to say you will kill the president. But she did not say that. She said we should elect a new president.