

FUMC ESL 6-13-2016 Level 3 Lesson

Pronouncing “ough”

rough (rhymes with ruff)-something course or difficult. Sandpaper is rough. Calculus can be a rough course.

plough (sounds like ow)-an instrument that farmer’s use to turn over the soil. It can also be used as a verb. The farmer ploughs his field before he plants.

through(rhymes with true)-to pass from one side to another. The boy ran through the tunnel.

though (rhymes with oh)-a conjunction that means “in spite of the fact”. Though she is a pretty girl, she has a bad temper.

hiccough (pronounced hik kup) can also be spelled hiccup. How do you get rid of hiccoughs?

cough (pronounced coff) to expell air through the lungs.

thought (rhymes with bought, sought, cot) an idea

thorough (thur o) to do something very completely. The doctor gave her a thorough examination.

dough (pronounced do) a thick mixture of flour and water used to make bread.

enough (e nuff) plenty. Do we have enough milk for a bowl of cereal?

Pronounce all the bold words above.

Using “the” “a” or “an”

We use “the” when there is only one of something. EX: What is the longest river in the world?

The Earth goes around the sun. I am leaving at the end of August.

Austin is the capital of Texas.

We use “a” or “an” to say what kind of thing something is. The sun is a star.

The hotel is a nice one.

We say “the sky”, “the sea”, “the ground”, “the country” Look at all the stars in the sky.

He lives in the country. There are many fish in the sea.

But we say “space” not “the space” if we mean space in the universe. There are many planets in space.

We use “the space” if we mean a spot. I found the space where my car should be parked.

We say:

I listened to the radio.

I watched TV. (not the TV)

We don’t usually use “the” with the names of meals. I ate breakfast. (not the breakfast)

We ate dinner.

Practice:

Put “a”, “an” or “the” in the blank. Leave it blank if it does not need anything added.

1. Did you have _____ lunch?

2. We went to _____ restaurant.

3. Did you have _____ holiday on Friday? 4. It was _____ nice holiday.

5. Where is _____ closest store? 6. There is one on _____ corner.

7. Do you listen to _____ radio?

8. Do you watch _____ TV?
9. I would like to travel in _____ space.
10. I would like to go to _____ moon.
11. I watch movies on _____ television.
12. You stayed at _____ good hotel.
13. I looked at _____ sky.
14. I had _____ breakfast at 8 AM.
15. What is _____ capital of France?

Uncount or Noncount nouns do not take the article “a” or “an”. For example, “perfume” is non-count. We don’t say “Spray a perfume on me.” We say, “Spray perfume on me.” However, we can say, “a spray of perfume”. Look at these other examples.

a bottle of wine	a carton of milk	a bar of chocolate	a piece of music
a slice of cheese	a game of tennis	a bowl of rice	a cup of coffee
a tube of toothpaste	a pitcher of juice	a bucket of sand	a loaf of bread

Tell if these sentences are correct or incorrect. If they are incorrect, correct them.

1. I need an advice.
2. I’m going to buy some furnitures for my apartment.
3. Sylvia has very long hairs.
4. I have work to do.
5. I have a job to do.
6. The weathers have been awful.
7. The tour guide gave us an information about the city.
8. Can I ask question?
9. I’m going to the work soon.
10. We don’t eat the meat very often because we are vegetarians.
11. What did you learn at the school today?
12. I am studying the English.

We don’t use “the” in front of a noun unless we are talking about a specific thing.

EX: I like football, not I like the football. We are talking about the game of football, not the object.

If we were talking about a particular football, we could use “the”. EX: I love the football Grandma gave me for my birthday.

Vocabulary: Advice is a noun, but advise is a verb. Notice the “s” replaces the “c”. Your parents advise you. You listen to your parent’s advice.

Discuss in your group:

1. Whose advice do you follow most, your family’s or your friend’s?
2. If you could go back in time and give yourself some advice, what would you tell yourself?
3. What advice will give your children?
4. Has anyone ever given you unwanted advice that you later appreciated?
5. Do you advise new arrivals to the U.S. about how to get along here?