

FUMC ESL 6-16-2016 Level 3 Lesson

**Pronunciation**

We know how to pronounce “ice”, that cold stuff we put in our drinks. But when “ice” is at the end of words, it is sometimes pronounced differently.

**Device** is something made for a particular purpose. For example: The plumber used a special device which he put inside the pipes to clear out clogs.

But a **crevice**, a small, narrow opening, is pronounced completely different. It sounds like cre-viss. **Hospice** has this same pronunciation. Hospice is a home providing care for the terminally ill.

Then you have the word **police**. It is pronounced “po—leece”, as if the i was an e.

We know how to pronounce “ear”. But when we add a letter at the front, it becomes “**wear**” or “**bear**”. But if we add a “g”, we get “**gear**” which rhymes with “ear” and the same is true of “**hear**”. And if we add the letter “t”, we have two words that are pronounced differently. “**Tear**” is water that comes from the eyes. “**Tear**” is to rip something.

How would you pronounce these words: **rear dear pear fear underwear**

Even stranger, if we put the letter “n” at the end of “ear”, we get “**earn**”, which is different from any of the words above.

The same thing happens with “**even**”. If we add an “s”, it becomes “**seven**”. Or we can say “**eleven**” or “**heaven**”

**Here is a list of all the words we studied above. Pronounce each one.**

ice	device	crevice	hospice	police	ear
wear	bear	gear	her	tear	tear
rear	dear	pear	fear	underwear	even
eleven	seven	heaven			

**REVIEWING NOUNS**

If the sentence needs “the” in the blank, write it in. Leave it blank if “the” is not needed.

1. I like this hotel. \_\_\_\_\_ rooms here are very large.
2. Everybody needs \_\_\_\_\_ friends at some time.
3. I went to buy some things we needed for the house, but \_\_\_\_\_ shops were very busy.
4. Mom, where’s \_\_\_\_\_ milk?
5. I hate \_\_\_\_\_ milk. I never drink it.
6. Do you play any sports? Yes, I play \_\_\_\_\_ basketball.
7. What does your brother do? He sells \_\_\_\_\_ computers.
8. All of my relatives speak \_\_\_\_\_ Spanish.
9. We took lots of \_\_\_\_\_ photographs on our trip to Spain.
10. \_\_\_\_\_ vegetables are very good for you.
11. I love \_\_\_\_\_ people in this town.

12. Cairo is the capital of \_\_\_\_\_ Egypt.
13. Washington, D.C. is the capital of \_\_\_\_\_ United States.
14. Washington, D.C. is the capital of \_\_\_\_\_ America.
15. I'll be staying at \_\_\_\_\_ Regent Hotel.
16. We live in \_\_\_\_\_ north of Italy.
17. Where is \_\_\_\_\_ Highland Rd?

## **APOSTROPHES**

To indicate a noun is possessive, we add apostrophe "s". EX: My husband's mother is in town.  
The boy's jacket is torn.

If a noun ends in "s", just put the apostrophe, not another "s". EX: The boys' bicycles were laying on the sidewalk.

Apostrophes are also used to mark a contraction. EX: I'd like some coffee, please. I've had a hard day. We'll call you tomorrow.

### **Add apostrophe's to the nouns below.**

1. Weve never been to Davids house before.
2. I borrowed my sisters car. It's old, but reliable.
3. My uncle is my fathers brother.
4. A diplomats work often involves late night meetings.
5. Bess husband is a housepainter.
6. Its the right time to buy stocks while the prices are low.
7. The astronauts boarded the shuttle and turned on the shuttles com system.
8. It is the peoples responsibility to vote in the citys election.
9. That poor little dog. Its a shame we couldnt find its owner.
10. Childrens play is important to their development. In fact, its critical.

### **Group Discussion:**

1. What is a UFO? Have you ever seen one? Do you think they're real?
2. Do you enjoy science fiction movies about aliens? Which is your favorite?
3. Do you think humans will travel to Mars in your lifetime? Would you sign up to go?
4. Do you think we are the only planet with intelligent life in the universe?