

FUMC ESL 6-30-2016 Level 3 Lesson

PRONUNCIATION

I can rhyme with “eye” as in lie, tie, sigh. It also have a short sound like in gift, lift, ship. And when paired with “e” as in either or neither, the “i” is silent. Sometimes you have different pronunciations of “i” in the same word as in “indecisive”.

if the “i” is followed by a single consonant and a vowel it's pronounced as long /ai/, and if followed by two consonants, or a single consonant at the end of the word, it is pronounced as short /i/.

Examples of this are bit/bite, sit/site, pin/pine, jib/jibe, dim/dime, and many others. There are of course numerous exceptions, one of the most common being that i followed by gh is always pronounced /ai/, as in light.

Practice pronouncing “i”:

Did this thing win?	hit the ship	give notice	biter bitter
the bright light	he bit the light	he’s a thin thing.	think about the sink

USING “OF” IN EXPRESSIONS OF QUANTITY

Correct: A lot of books are paperbacks. Correct: A lot of my books are paperbacks. Incorrect: A lot books are paperback.	Some expressions of quantity (such as a lot of) always contain of. See group one below
Correct: Many of my books are paperbacks. Incorrect: Many my books are paperbacks. Correct: Many books are paperbacks. Incorrect: Many of books are paperback. Correct: Many of those books are in English. Correct: Many books are in English.	Some expressions of quantity sometimes use “of” and sometimes don’t. See group two below. Of is used when the noun is specific—it refers to a particular person or thing. Of is not used when it is not specific—refers to general things.
GROUP ONE	GROUP TWO
a lot of, lots of, a number of, a great deal of, a majority of, plenty of	all, most, almost all, many, much, a few, a little, one, two, etc. both, several, some, any

Add “of” if necessary, or leave it blank if not.

- I know several _____ his friends.
- I’ve made several _____ friends lately.
- Some _____ students are lazy. Most _____ students are hard-working.
- Some _____ the students are a little lazy.
- Most _____ have an index.
- Most _____ Ali’s books are written in Arabic.
- I bought a few _____ books yesterday.
- I bought a few _____ the used textbooks yesterday.
- I’ve read a few _____ those books.
- I’m new here. I don’t know many _____ yet.
- I just moved in. I don’t know many _____ my neighbors yet.
- China has the most _____ people of any country in the world.
- Most _____ the people in this class speak English well.

14. Ali usually asks the most _____ questions because he doesn't understand much English.
15. A lot _____ the mail I get is junk mail.
16. I usually get a lot _____ junk mail.
17. Sam hasn't met any _____ his teachers yet.
18. Have you taken any _____ trips yet?

IDIOMS: Work in small groups.

1. A "blessing in disguise" is something that doesn't appear to be good, but turns out to be good later on.
EX: Dad's illness was a blessing in disguise because it brought the family together for the first time in years.

Talk about something in your life that was a "blessing in disguise".

2. If you "cross that bridge when you come to it", you don't worry about solving a problem until it becomes necessary. Read the conversation below as an example.

Sara: I'm worried. What will we do if our flight is delayed and we miss our connection.

Jan: Let's not worry about something that might not happen. We'll cross that bridge when we come to it.

Are you a person who worries about what might go wrong? Is anyone in your family like this?

3. If you "cut corners", you take shortcuts. You don't do the best job possible in order to save time.

EX: This company puts quality first. They won't cut corners just to make a cheaper product.

Do you think there are many businesses that cut corners today in order to save money? Can you think of an example.