

## FUMC ESL Level 4 Lesson

### Pronunciation Practice: Pronounce these word pairs. Then say the sentence.

so - saw - sew - saw	She said so. She saw it.
boat - bought	I bought a boat.
folk - fork	Some folks don't use a fork.
mow - more	I don't want to mow anymore.
show - sure	Are you sure the show starts at eight?
chose - chores	She chose the easy chores.
close - claws	The cat didn't close his claws.
moaning - morning	He's been moaning all morning.
Joe - jaw	Joe's jaw is broken.
bowl - ball	Bowl the ball!

### Tell the meaning of the underlined phrases in the sentences below.

1. I can't speak for Alice, but I thought the movie was excellent.
2. It speaks well of Tom that he always includes your mother in invitations.
3. If you don't understand, speak up.
4. His non-attendance at the planning sessions speaks volumes about his enthusiasm for the project.
5. Speak now or forever hold your peace.
6. Sit down. It's time for us to talk turkey.
7. The governor talks tough, but doesn't back up his words.
8. Excuse us, Doreen, we're going to talk shop for a little bit.
9. You don't have to decide now. Go home and talk it over with your spouse.
10. My son got in trouble for talking back to the teacher.
11. He talks the talk. We'll see if he walks the walk.
12. It's interesting that the rich kids rarely spend a night in jail when they misbehave. While the poor kids nearly always do. Yes, money talks.
13. Can I talk you into buying me a coke? I forgot my wallet.
14. I can't solve your problems for you. The two of you will have to talk it out.
15. Talk about egotistical! John never stopped talking about himself during the entire dinner.

**Talk for two minutes.** Pick a topic and talk for two minutes, answering the questions given. Then lead a discussion with the group to find out what others think.

1. Recently there has been a lot of trouble on airlines caused by people reclining their seats. Smaller people often need to recline their seat to prevent being pitched forward. Larger people with long legs are very uncomfortable when the seat in front of theirs is reclining. Which side are you on, recline or not recline? Airlines say they have to maximize the number of seats to keep ticket prices low on flights. What is the answer to this problem?
2. Anti-littering campaigns encourage people to throw their trash in a can, not on the street. Do you think these campaigns are effective? Do they work in your country? What would you do if someone walking with you threw their trash on the street? Would you ever ask a stranger to put their trash in the can instead of throwing it down?
3. The criminal justice system works equally well for rich and poor alike. Do you agree with this statement? Can you give examples to support your belief? How does your country compare with this country in justice for rich and poor?

## Practical English Usage

1. If you are **in front** of a place or vehicle, you are outside of it. If you are **in the front** of it you are inside.  
EX: We stood in front of her car so she couldn't drive away. Her husband was sitting in the front of the car.

2. **Pretty** means someone or something that is attractive and nice to look at. A woman can have a pretty face. We don't use pretty to describe men. A man is handsome, not pretty. A vase of flowers is pretty. **But pretty also means somewhat.** EX: San Antonio is pretty close to Austin. That movie was pretty good. Not great, but OK. I'm pretty sure we have already studied this.

3. **We cannot usually leave out a noun after an adjective.** EX: poor little boy NOT poor little. But there are some **exceptions.**

*Exception 1:* Certain well known groups can be referred to without a noun following.

Examples: the blind, the handicapped, the old, the unemployed, the jobless, the rich, etc.

After the blast, the injured were taken to the hospital.

The problems of the poor are intractable.

There are more unemployed than ever before.

There are not equal opportunities for rich and poor.

*Exception 2:* Adjectives of nationality can also stand alone. EX: The Irish, the Turks

The Irish have a great sense of humor. The Turks are brave fighters.

*Exception 3:* Superlative adjectives: EX: I'm the tallest. He's the shortest. We always look for the cheapest.