

Pronunciation:

Speaking rapidly is a sign of fluency. These sentences are difficult to say fast. Read the sentence slowly to yourself. Then without looking, say it 3 times **fast** to the group. Ask the group to say the sentence **fast**.

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| 1. We see the three bees. | 2. Take it easy, Steve. |
| 3. Lee, please leave the seeds. | 4. Is this the big inn? |
| 5. Tim had a pickup. | 6. Give him the bid, Bill. |
| 7. They pay Jay today. | 8. Dave saved the same bait. |
| 9. Chase is at the base. | 10. Ed said it was Jeff. |
| 11. Ged Ed out of bed. | 12. The bad cat had it. |
| 13. Jess passed the last test. | 14. Ann and Dad were sad. |
| 15. Bob has a hobby. | 16. Paul ought to talk now. |
| 17. My new hawk flew off. | 18. They all study law. |

Usage:

1. We use **over** not **above** to talk about ages and speeds, and to mean **more than**.
EX: We **don't** say, "You have to be **above** 18 to drink." We say: You have to be **over** 18 to drink.

Choose above or over in these sentences.

- a) The police said she was driving (above-over) 110 miles per hour.
- b) There were (above-over) two hundred copies of his book sold.
- c) The summit of Everest is 8,000 meters (above-over) sea level
- d) She's way (above-over) average in intelligence.
- e) The bridge is (above-over) two hundred feet tall.
- f) The joke went (above-over) her head.
- g) The temperature is just (above-over) freezing.
- h) The plane flew (above-over) the Appalachian Mountains.
- i) The (above-over) rules apply to all students.
- j) For prices and delivery charges, see (above-over).
- k) We'll be gone (above-over) the weekend.
- l) It remains to be seen if she can keep up a good attitude (above-over) the long haul.

2. The same issues occur with **below** and **under**. EX: We **don't** say, "Look **below** the sink for the detergent." We say: Look **under** the sink.

Choose below or under in these sentences.

- a) The climbers camped just 300 meters (below-under) the peak of the mountain.
- b) A moment later the sun disappeared (below-under) the horizon.
- c) The cat just ran (below-under) the bed.
- d) That's hitting (below-under) the belt.

- e)What are you wearing (below-under) your sweater?
- f)The whole village is (below-under) water.
- g)The temperature is twenty degrees (below-under) zero.
- h)Parts of Holland are actually (below-under) sea level.
- i)Her intelligence is well (below-under) average.
- j)You can't see this film if you are (below-under) 18.

Speaking:

To practice speaking in front of a group, choose one of these conversation prompts and speak to the group. You can take a few minutes to think about what you want to say and make notes. But don't write out what you want to say. You should speak while looking at your classmates. Try to speak for at least 2 minutes. Then ask the group their opinion.

1-Sara insists on eating healthy. She buys all organic food. She never eats processed food. She uses fresh ingredients only. Grocery shopping is expensive for Sara, but she feels it is worth it. Stacy keeps her food budget low. She buys whatever is cheapest and often eats at inexpensive fast food restaurants where she can get a whole meal for less than \$5.00.

Faced with a decision of what food to buy, are you more like Sara or Stacy. Defend your choice.

2. A friend came to me with a dilemma. She saw a text message on her boyfriend's phone that indicated he might be seeing someone else. She wanted my advice on what to do. What should I tell her?

3. A friend has just moved to Austin. She doesn't know anyone here. What advice would you give her on how to meet new friends.

4. Have you ever had your credit card numbers stolen? What steps do you take to protect against identity theft?

5. If you could go back in time and give yourself advice, what would you tell your younger self?

6. How important is climate in deciding where you plan to live? Would you take a job in the far north where there were only a few warm weather months and there was snow on the ground for most of the year? Would you be willing to live in a desert like climate where there was no winter? Describe the ideal climate.