

FUMC ESL 2-9-2017 ADVANCED LESSON

Pronunciation Practice: Which letters are silent in these words?

archive psychiatrist fasten soften hymn
knob chorus architect kneel muscle
charisma echo anchor sword biscuit

Practice saying these tricky phrases fast.

1. A skunk sat on a stump.
2. Unique New York
3. This butter's bitter.
4. A bit of butter will make my batter better.
5. Six thick thistle sticks
6. My sister's sixth sheep
7. She sells sea shells down by the seashore.
8. A big black bug bit a big black bear.
9. Rubber baby buggy bumpers
10. Are our oars oak?
11. A black bug's blood is on the bottom of my boot.
12. Cedar shingles
13. Chop shops stock chops.
14. Ed had edited it.
15. Flash message!
16. A dozen double dinner napkins
17. Mixed biscuits
18. Nine nice night nurses nursing nicely
19. Please pay promptly.
20. A proper cup of coffee from a proper copper coffee pot
21. Sam's shop stocks short spotted socks.

Correct the word order in these sentences. Note, you will hear Americans using word order incorrectly in informal conversations. As long as the meaning is clear, that's OK. But use correct word order for formal conversations or in writing.

1. It's the place most beautiful I know.
2. I don't know where is it.
3. I was for a long time living in Madrid.
4. We heard for a long time the same thing.
5. I like a lot chocolate.
6. Always it is the same.
7. Maybe I should to Dallas go.
8. It is difficult often to tell where the mistakes are.
9. She on a typical afternoon practices three hours.

10. I was in Paris shopping.
11. We play often tennis.
12. You are how today?

VOCABULARY:

Accept and **agreed** are similar in meaning, but we usually use agree, not accept before an infinitive (to run, to go, to meet). Which of these sentences is correct?

- a) I just received and invitation to the wedding and of course I accepted to go.
- b) I accepted to meet him here.
- c) She agreed to marry him.
- d) They accepted our proposal.

Using “according to” and “in my opinion”. Which of these sentences use the correct phrase. Correct them if necessary.

- a) According to John, his sister is prone to losing her temper.
- b) The train gets in at 10:15 according to the timetable posted here.
- c) In the opinion of this brochure, all of the ski runs at this resort are rated black diamond.
- d) In my opinion, this trip is too difficult for us.
- e) In Jess’ opinion, the police have arrived.

Grammar:

Explain the difference in meaning in these sentence pairs.

1. I asked to go home. I asked him to go home.
2. I asked the children to have milk. I asked for the children to have milk.
3. First, the work was very hard. At first, the work was very hard.
4. Who is the woman beside Jim? Who is coming besides Jim?

Speaking Practice: Choose one of these topics and speak to the class about it.

1. Explain the difference between an argument, a debate and a discussion. What are some discussion topics that will frequently lead to an argument?
2. Do you think all children should have music instruction in school? Physical Education? Art? Foreign Language. There are only so many hours in the school day, so how would you prioritize these subjects?
3. What was the best advice you ever received? Who gave it to you? Do people frequently ask you for advice?
4. Should schools have dress codes? Many students complain that there are stricter dress codes for boys than for girls. Do you agree this is true? Why do you think this might be true?
5. Do you enjoy rainy days? Describe your favorite rainy day.