

**PRONUNCIATION-** Today we will work on the vowel U

**short u sound:** mug, sub, gum, junk, truck, umbrella, up, under, ugly

**long u sound:** mule, cure, menu, human, statue, Tuesday, barbecue, routine

The words **UNUSUAL** and **PURSUE** have both pronunciations of U, short first, then long.

The **UE** sound is usually pronounced like long U. Try these words.

blue, sue, clue, argue, issue, subdue, continue

In some words with a U and another vowel, the U is silent. Say these words.

build, circuit, ought, guide, league, guest,

**Practice pronouncing these word pairs. Notice each pair has one long sound and one short sound. Then make a short sentence with each word.**

plum - plume

cut - cute

cub - cube

junk - juke

truck - true

hum - human

hug - huge

us - use

tub - tube

pun - puny

fuss - fuse

run - ruin

dud - dude

brusk - brute

glut - gluten

trust - true

shut - chute

crud - crude

untie - unit

purr - pure

duck - duke

**Practice saying these sentences rapidly. Tell whether the U's are long or short. Make sure you understand the meaning.**

1. The blue book is due on Tuesday.
2. Must June mute her flute?
3. It's rude to pass crude notes.
4. The brute made a bruise on me with a brush.
5. The mutt was mute.
6. Will the bugle rust?
7. The rude nudist was crude.
8. The fruit juice spilled on his suit.
9. The recruit's suitcase is blue.
10. Give the cute recruit the cue.

**GRAMMAR**

When the subject and the object of a sentence refer to the same person or thing we use **REFLEXIVE PRONOUNS**. The reflexive pronouns are: myself, yourself, himself, herself, itself, yourselves, ourselves, themselves.

**Read these sentences and underline the reflexive pronouns.**

1. He went to the beach all by himself.
2. They put on masks, then looked at themselves in the mirror.
3. I'm not angry with you. I'm angry with myself.
4. We had a great time in Brazil. We really enjoyed ourselves.
5. Help yourselves to the drinks.
6. The dogs are scratching themselves.
7. The dog found it's way home all by itself.
8. She cut herself while chopping the vegetables.
9. Do it yourself!
10. Don't blame yourself.

**We don't use reflexive pronouns when multiple people perform an action to the others. In this case, we use EACH OTHER. Read the examples below.**

Our neighbors shouted at each other. My brothers always compete with each other.

These sentences have pronoun errors. Fix them.

1. They stared into themselves eyes.
2. She cooked a quiche for himself.
3. I repaired the tire themselves.
4. Emma was sitting by myself.
5. Ask you why you are always making mistakes.
6. We were entertaining themselves.
7. They invited ourselves to the picnic.
8. Don't help her. She can do it her.
9. The robot can think for myself.
10. They only think of themself.

**DISCUSSION:**

Choose one of these words and tell us about yourself as it is related to the word. (EX: if you choose "fears", tell what your fears are. If you choose "books", tell if you like to read and what kind of books you like to read, do you prefer audio books or reading yourself.)

music  
job

books  
social

news  
adventure

exercise

joy

fears