

## FUMC ESL 12-11-2017 High Intermediate Lesson

### Pronunciation:

There are some words that are spelled with O, but have the U sound. Pronounce these word pairs. Notice how the vowels in both words sound the same.

bull	wool		pull	wolf		bunny	honey
us	oven		dud	dove		bub	brother
nut	another		gut	govern		dun	done

**Say these sentences twice.** The second time, say it fast. Words with the short U sound are underlined. Listen for the short U as you say the sentence.

1. We get the money on Monday.
2. The governor made another dumb mistake.
3. Cover the bum up.
4. Don't worry about the mutt.
5. The Mom had a dozen pups.
6. There is an oven in the hut.
7. The bus weighed a ton.
8. There are some gloves under the rug.
9. Gus wondered about the bug in the jug.
10. Don't touch the couple's shovel.
11. My young cousin comes to the country every year.
12. A dozen plums is not enough.

### Test Yourself—Which is Right?

1. I don't like swimming in (the cold water/ cold water).
2. (The money/ Money) doesn't always bring (the happiness/ happiness).
3. Do you want to see (the pictures/ pictures) I took on my vacation?
4. (Houses/ The houses) on this street all look the same.
5. I enjoy taking (pictures/ the pictures). It's my hobby.
6. (Vegetables/ The vegetables) are good for you.
7. I can't sing this song. I don't know (words/ the words).
8. Can you please pass (salt/ the salt)?
9. We went for a swim. (Water/ the water) was nice and warm.
10. My brother sells (computers/ the computers).
11. Where's (milk/ the milk)?
12. Everybody needs (friends/ the friends).

### Using THE with place names

In general, we don't use THE with the names of places. EX: Quebec is a province of Canada. Peru is in South America. Austin is a cool city.

We don't use THE with names of streets, squares. EX: Kevin lives on Lavaca Street. Times Square is in New York.

We don't use THE with names of airports, stations, universities and parks. EX: We walked in Central Park. Pennsylvania Station is huge. O'Hare International Airport is in Chicago. Harvard University is in Boston.

**BUT WE DO** use THE in names with republic/ states/ kingdom. EX: I live in the United States. (but I live in America) I traveled to the United Kingdom this fall. (but I traveled to England this fall.) He is from the Czech Republic.

We use THE with plural names or countries, islands or mountains. EX: the Netherlands, the Hawaiian Islands, the Andes

We use THE with names of oceans, seas, rivers and canals. EX: the Mediterranean Sea, the Amazon, the Nile, the Panama Canal

We use THE with names of most hotels, museums, theaters and monuments. EX: the Getty Museum, the Lincoln Memorial, the Taj Majal, the Hyatt Regency

We use THE with names that contain "of". EX: the Metropolitan Museum of Art, the University of California, the Statue of Liberty, the Great Wall of China

We say: the north, the south, the east, the west. EX: I've been to the north of Italy but not to the south. The southern section of the United States tends to be more conservative than the north.

**Put THE in the blank where it belongs. Leave it blank if it is unnecessary.**

1. \_\_\_\_\_ Panama Canal joins \_\_\_\_\_ Atlantic Ocean and \_\_\_\_\_ Pacific Ocean
2. Al is a student at \_\_\_\_\_ University of Texas. He is studying \_\_\_\_\_ engineering.
3. Mary comes from \_\_\_\_\_ west of Africa.
4. I hope to visit \_\_\_\_\_ America and \_\_\_\_\_ United Kingdom this year.
5. I lived in \_\_\_\_\_ England before I moved to \_\_\_\_\_ Texas.
6. \_\_\_\_\_ Rocky Mountains are \_\_\_\_\_ west of \_\_\_\_\_ Mississippi River.
7. I live \_\_\_\_\_ north of downtown.
8. We stayed at \_\_\_\_\_ Sheraton Hotel near \_\_\_\_\_ Central Park.
9. Belgium is smaller than \_\_\_\_\_ Netherlands.
10. \_\_\_\_\_ Europe is bigger than \_\_\_\_\_ Australia.
11. Can you tell me where \_\_\_\_\_ Hollywood Blvd. is?
12. \_\_\_\_\_ Andes are mountains in \_\_\_\_\_ South America.

## **DISCUSS**

- 1-What is the biggest city you have lived in?
- 2-Have you ever lived in the country far from a town or city? How did you like it?
- 3-Does your family have a vacation home? If you had one would you prefer it be in the mountains, on the coast or in a city?