

FUMC ESL 12-4-2017 High Intermediate Lesson

Pronunciation: Last week you learned how to pronounce the vowel U in words. Today you can practice what you learned. Circle the words that end with the long U sound. These words may not be spelled with a U.

rescue	view	bureau	value	few
guru	menu	interview	beau	through
nephew	plateau	thou	argue	continue
glue	crew	do	who	stew

You see from the chart that many words ending in EW have the same sound as a long U.

The OO letter combination sounds very much like a long U. In some OO words, there is a small difference in the sound. Listen as your teacher reads these word pairs and tell if you think the words end with the same sound or if there is a small difference.

pure - poor dupe - droop menu - shampoo cute - soot feud - food butte - boot

Practice pronouncing these sentences.

Your school has a swimming pool. Lu tried to fool me, but I was cool. Sue eats her food with a spoon. The poor don't have pure water. They had a feud over the food. I walked up the butte with one boot. He fixed the tube with a tool. This room has rules. He blew the blue balloon.

GRAMMAR: When do we use "the" and when do we leave it out?

Use THE when it is clear which thing or person we mean.

What is the name of this street? My office is on the first floor.
We live near the airport. Where is the nearest bank?

Use THE for sun, moon, world, sky, ocean, country.

The moon is bright. Do you live in the city or in the country?

Use THE for police, fire department, armed forces (the Navy, the Army, the Air Force, the Marines)
Please call the fire department. My brother is in the Navy.

Use THE for top, middle, bottom, end, left, right

The answer is at the bottom of the page. Put the drinks on the left side of the table.

Use THE for musical instruments.

Do you play the piano? I am learning to play the guitar.

Use THE for radio or internet

Please turn off the radio. I'll look it up on the internet.

Do NOT use THE for television, TV, breakfast, lunch, dinner, next, last, week, month, year, summer, Monday.

There are many exceptions to this last rule. EX: I'll be gone the Monday after this one. I'll catch the next train. This is the week she is on vacation.

Read these sentences. Decide if you should put THE in the blank before the word. If you don't think you should put THE, leave it blank.

1. What is _____ name of _____ movie about dinosaurs?
2. What's on _____ TV tonight?
3. Our apartment is on _____ second floor.
4. Would you like to go to _____ moon?
5. What time does _____ sun set?
6. We're taking a trip at _____ end of _____ May.
7. In _____ 2004 we started _____ ESL class.
8. _____ dictionary is on _____ top shelf to _____ right of the notebooks.
9. My sister got married _____ last month.
10. After _____ breakfast every morning, I run one mile.

VOCABULARY

In English there are many words which mean close to the same thing. These are called synonyms. Today we will learn some synonyms

1. worry fret fuss brood

Worry is the unhappiness caused by problems or unpleasant things.

Examples:

Don't worry, your luggage will be here in a minute.

Mother worries about us when we are out late.

Dad worried that I would forget to call him.

Worry can be a noun. Example: My main worry is that I won't find a job.

A worrier, is someone who worries. Example: My husband is a worrier. He cannot go to sleep until all the children are home safe.

If you fret about something, you worry about it. They mean the same

If you brood about something, you worry a lot. When someone continues to worry about a problem and think about it all the time, we say they are brooding. Brooding is intense worry.

Fuss has a slightly different meaning. When you fuss over someone, you worry more than is necessary. For example, many mothers fuss over their children. They insist their children wear coats if it's a little cool, or they don't let the children play outside for fear of accidents. These mothers make a fuss over little things that are unimportant.

Questions:

1. Are you a worrier?
2. What do you worry about the most?
3. What is your parents main worry?
4. Did your mother fuss over you when you were a child? Do you fuss over your children?
5. Do you ever brood about things?
6. What do you do to stop yourself from worrying?

