

FUMC ESL 4-12-2018 High Intermediate Lesson

Pronouncing G like guh, or G like juh?

When G comes before a consonant we say guh. EX: glad, grade, angry, glue, degree

When G comes at the end of a word, we say guh. EX: hug, fog, beg, dig

When a word has GG, we say guh. EX: egg, foggy, wiggle

When G comes before a, o, or u, we say guh. EX: government, again, guy

When G comes before e, i or y, we say juh. EX: gentleman, refugee, engine

EXCEPT for these words which don't follow the rule (there are lots of them): get, target, girl, begin, geese, eager, gift, giggle, gear, anger, give, girdle, forget, hunger, given, gizzard, together, finger, forgive.

Practice pronouncing these words. Tell whether G makes the guh sound or the juh sound.

apologize	stingy	rigid	gulf	garden	urgent	giant
bigger	drag	agree	English	smoggy	hugging	begging
giggle	eager	August	register	imagine	budget	began
bandage	courage	page	range	lounge	bridge	lodge
league	guide	disguise	synagogue	fatigue	morgue	plague
manage	sausage	package	cottage	huge	orange	edge

Say these sentences.

Roger says it isn't urgent.

The food they gave me is gone.

Gordon helped a girl register.

The guard will guide the guests.

Imagine a magic land full of giants.

Ginger became manager a year ago.

He is generous with gifts, not stingy.

The guard felt guilty about losing the guitar.

Using the Preposition AT in phrases. Read the examples and tell what the sentence means.

1. These countries have been at war for years. Our country is still at peace. I am sick at heart that your sweet, little dog died. The soldiers stood at ease while the general spoke. The colonel said, "Stand at attention!" Children who drink are at risk of developing alcoholism.

Would you let your children drink a little bit of alcohol occasionally? Is it common for children to drink alcohol in your home country? When was the last time your country was at war?

2. My son is good at soccer. What is your son good at?

Name something you are good at. Name something you are terrible at. Are you good at dancing, singing, sewing, swimming?

3. They are selling apples at 89 cents a pound. I wish we could buy mangoes at that price. My husband tries to buy everything at a discount. I wouldn't buy those shoes at any price.

Do you usually buy clothing and shoes on sale? What are some things you can usually buy at a discount? Are prices higher here or in your country?

4. He was still driving at 80. He shouldn't work so hard at his age. I can't see well at this distance. We flew at thirty thousand feet. You shouldn't drive at that speed.

At what age should people retire? Is there a mandatory retirement age in your country? Do you think speed limits in America are too high or too low? How do they compare with your country?

5. At best, she is a mediocre artist. At least, she tries hard. We should be there by 5 at the latest. I can't be there before 6 at the earliest. It won't be expensive. It will probably cost ten dollars at the most.

Fill in the blank: I go to bed by _____ at the latest. I get up at _____ at the earliest.

6. Those who completed college are at an advantage. Newcomers are at a disadvantage. I don't know this city at all. I am at your mercy to get me back to the hotel. I don't have a car, so I'm at the mercy of my friends to drive me around town. When you are a minor you are always at the mercy of your parents.

Do you drive here? Do you have your own car or share a car? Do you ride buses more than in cars?

7. This is a dangerous neighborhood. Keep your doors locked at all times. She hit my car, but she was not at fault. The car behind her pushed her into my car. We made it to the airport, at last. The bus is here, at last. At no time should you answer the doorbell if you can't see who is there.

Have you ever had an accident where you were at fault? Do you keep your doors locked at all time? How about your car doors? Do you feel safe when you are home alone?

8. Please call me at your earliest convenience. At this rate, we'll be another hour getting there. The math test was hard. I arrived at the correct answer on only five problems.

Are you good at math? Do you like to drive fast? Do you arrive at a decision quickly, or do you take a long time to make up your mind?