

Pronunciation-----What sound does:

A make in bread
B make in debt
C make in indictment
D make in handkerchief
E make in give
G make in gnaw
H make in hour
I make in friend
J make in marijuana
K make in know
L make in calm
N make in autumn
O make in people
P make in psalm
S make in island
T make in castle
U make in guard
W make in wrong
X make in Sioux
Z make in rendezvous

SAYINGS

Familiarity breeds contempt. Sometimes the better you know someone, the less you admire them. Have you ever met someone that you liked at first, but as you got to know them better, discovered many bad habits or traits?

Nice guys finish last. Do nice guys really finish last?
People often say this as if, to succeed, you have to be a jerk. This is a cynical expression. In your experience, to what extent is it true?

“He’s a jack of all trades and master of none”. Does this quote fit anyone you know?

What is the meaning of, “A new broom sweeps clean.”? Do you look forward to or dread getting a new boss?

EX: We are getting a new manager next week and he has promised to make some improvements in the office. He's getting rid of outdated procedures that slow down the work and re-assigning some of the slower workers to other areas.

Absence makes the heart grow fonder. Does it really or do you forget about people you used to be close to when you move away from them?

All work and no play makes Jack a dull boy. According to this saying, we should work less and play more. Do you agree? Can you be successful and still keep a balance between work and play. Do you think it's harder these days to take time off work to play?

Are you “penny wise, but pound foolish”? Meaning: refusing to spend money on things that could cost you more money in the long run. EX: We didn't buy car insurance because it was too expensive. Now we've had an accident and my car was totaled. I will have to spend \$20,000 to get a new car. I should have just bought the insurance.

Do "chickens come home to roost"? (means one's previous actions will have eventual consequences)
Can you think of a time when your chickens came home to roost?

Do you agree that, "Blood is thicker than water."? (Family always comes above friends) In your culture is this generally true? Do you have any friends that you are closer to than family?

Don't cry over spilled milk. In other words, don't be upset about something that can't be fixed. This is easier said than done. Describe a time when you cried over spilled milk.

We've heard it said, "Money can't buy happiness." Make an argument to defend the idea that money **can** buy happiness.

Give away the bride.....In a wedding, the father of the bride usually "gives her away". In earlier times that was literally true. The wife became the property of her husband. Thankfully those days are past and now "giving away the bride" just means walking her down the aisle. But the symbolism is still there in that, often, the father gives the bride's hand to the groom and kisses the daughter as if he is handing her over to the keeping of her husband. Do you think this is an archaic custom and should be put to an end or do you think it's touching and sweet and we should ignore the symbolism of "giving away"?

Conversations---Read and discuss. Answer the questions:

Ted: I'm so angry at Bill. He asked Angie out. He knows I am **crazy about** Angie. I feel like calling him and eating him out.

Sara: Anger is a **double-edged sword**. You not only hurt the person you get angry at, but you destroy your own peace and happiness. And you might destroy a relationship with your friend, Bill.

Ted: I'd say he's the one that's destroyed that by asking Angie out.

Sara: I think you should **shake it off** and **move on**. You've asked Angie out and she's never accepted your invitation. Maybe she just likes Bill better. **Face it**, sometimes you win, sometimes you lose.

1. Why is Ted angry at Bill? What does he mean when he says he's "crazy about" Angie?
2. What do you think a double-edged sword is? How is anger a double-edged sword?
3. What advice does Sara give Ted? What advice would you have given Ted? Do you think he should "have it out" with Ted?
4. Is anger ever a good thing? Does it ever result in mobilizing people to do good things?

Sam: Sherry always has to **dominate** every conversation. I get tired of always being **subordinate**. It's difficult to get in a word edgewise because she talks so much.

Dani: I try to avoid her. When I see her approaching, I **bury my head** in my work. I try to act very busy to give her the idea that she shouldn't interrupt me.

Sam: I don't ignore her **altogether**. Sherry can be funny at times. She does tell great stories. It's just that she doesn't allow anyone else to **take part** in the conversation.

1. What is Sam's objection to Sherry?
2. How does Dani feel about Sherry?
3. Do you have any advice for Sam in dealing with Sherry?