

## FUMC ESL 10-4-2018 High Intermediate Lesson

### Pronouncing OO

The letter group OOK is usually pronounced as UK with a short U sound.

EX: book, crook, cook, look, shook, took

The letter group OOD is mostly pronounced as UD with a short U

EX: good, hood, stood, wood

However, there are many exceptions:

EX: food, brood and mood

Other words with the short U pronunciation include: foot, soot, wool, good, shook, stood, hoof

The majority of OO words are pronounced with the long O sound.

EX: boom, boost, brood, choose, droop, fool, loose, mood, moon, school, tooth, zoom

All words ending in OO are pronounced with long U sound.

EX: bamboo, igloo, cuckoo, shampoo

In a few words, OO sounds like long O.

EX: brooch, cooperate, zoologist, coordinate

Blood and Flood have a short U, but a slightly different sound than Book and Crook.

See if you can pronounce these OO words correctly:

|         |         |        |         |            |         |          |
|---------|---------|--------|---------|------------|---------|----------|
| booster | stool   | hood   | soot    | snooze     | stool   | soon     |
| spoon   | foolish | root   | noon    | footloose  | ooze    | cookie   |
| loon    | baboon  | pooch  | spook   | booby-trap | noose   | wool     |
| troop   | groom   | taboo  | bootie  | hoodie     | doofus  | stooge   |
| swoosh  | bookie  | snooty | doodle  | groovy     | whoops  | tycoon   |
| bloody  | wooden  | smooth | hoodlum | cahoots    | bazooka | outdoors |

**Go around the table, quickly listing items for each category below. Try to answer as quickly as possible, without using your phone or dictionary.**

1. things made of wood
2. things made of wool
3. reasons to be good
4. ways to childproof your house
5. goofs you have made
6. things you have stood in line for
7. things that should be fireproof
8. things you can do outdoors

## Vocabulary

hectic: a situation that involves a lot of rushed activity

*Examples: This was a hectic day at work. My boss gave me ten reports to edit.*

*I don't like having so much work. It makes my life too hectic.*

*The beginning of school is always a hectic time for my family.*

Is your life too hectic?

boring vs. bored: Boring is an adjective that means dull and uninteresting. "To bore" is a verb which means to make someone feel dull and uninterested.

*Example: I think riding in a car is boring. My professor bores the class when he talks about his personal problems.*

What bores you the most?

actually: truly

*Example: I actually did my homework for a change. I didn't actually see if the robber had a gun or not.*

up for that: ready to participate

*Example: If you'd like to see that new movie, I'm up for that. I didn't sleep well last night, so I don't feel up for dancing tonight.*

got to run: need to leave

*Example: My daughter's school just ended, I've got to run.*

catch you later: I'll contact you later.

*Example: I have to leave now, but I'll catch you later.*

swamped: overworked

*Example: I'm so swamped at work that I didn't even have time to eat lunch.*

*Since they fired the other clerk, I've been swamped with work.*

up in the air: undecided

*Example: I'm up in the air about whether to move the kids to a new school.*

What is something you are up in the air about?

pitch in: join together to do something

*Example: What are you buying Sally for her birthday? I don't know. Everything is so expensive. If we all pitched in we could get her something really nice.*

Have you ever pitched in with others to buy a more expensive present?

settled in: adjusted to

blessing in disguise: something that seemed bad, but turned out well

*Example: When our apartment rent increased, we had to move. We couldn't afford to stay there any more. We were really worried about the move. The kids had settled in to their schools and seemed to be doing well. But the move was a blessing in disguise. We found a larger apartment for less money. Now the kids each have their own room. They are so much happier.*

Tell about something that seemed bad at first but turned out well.