

FUMC ESL 1-28-2019 Advanced Lesson

Pair Work: Teachers, sort the students into pairs and have them each answer these questions. Then they can report back to the group to tell what they learned about their partner.

1. What are your plans for the future?
2. When are you happiest?
3. If you had a big problem, who would you talk it over with?

Pronunciation: Today we'll work with two blends, SC and SCH. They are a bit difficult to pronounce because sometimes SC is pronounced like SK (scale, scarf, scan) and sometimes SC is pronounced like S (scenery, science, scissors). SCH is usually pronounced like SK (schedule, school) but occasionally can be pronounced SH (schist, schlep). Schlep is a Yiddish word which means to carry or pull something. It comes into English with its original Yiddish pronunciation. In British English the word "schedule" is pronounced with the SH sound. But in America we use the SK sound.

Here are a few SC and SCH words. Notice the difference in pronunciation.

1. If you have a plan to do something (sometimes something bad or illegal) it is a **scheme**. Synonyms include plot and intrigue. EX: The accountant came up with a scheme to avoid paying any taxes. The politicians have been scheming ways to win votes. A **scheme** can be an overall system. EX: The salesman devised a clever marketing scheme. The decorator decided to use a bright color scheme in the children's rooms.

We use the phrase, "in the scheme of things" or "in the grand scheme of things" to describe a situation when comparing one experience with the whole of experiences in life. EX: I know these aches and pains are annoying, but in the grand scheme of things, they are small worries. I know you're worried about the bad grade on your exam, but in the scheme of things, I doubt one bad grade will matter much.

2. **Scene** is an interesting word because it is used in so many different ways. Read the sample sentences and explain how the use of the word is different in each example.

- a. The actress did a wonderful job in the love scene at the end of the play.
- b. The firefighters arrived at the scene before the police and ambulance.
- c. The scene out my front window is of snow covered peaks.
- d. Beto was a newcomer to the political scene.
- e. Be quiet! You're making a scene. OR My husband made a scene in the restaurant.
- f. To make the fair a success, many people worked for days behind the scene.
- g. The politician's speech set the scene for a bitter debate.
- h. Thanks for the invitation, but listening to opera just isn't my scene.

3. **Score** is another word with lots of uses. Read the examples and tell the meaning of score in each.

- a. The final score of the game was 89 to 76. Who will keep score next game?
- b. Average test scores in math have been falling for twenty years.
- c. Tracy knew the score when she married an older man. He will not be able to keep up with Tracy's level of activity.
- d. We've got plenty of money saved for our retirement, so you shouldn't worry on that score.
- e. Scores of reporters gathered outside their home.
- f. Police believe the killer was a gang member settling a score with a rival gang.
- g. You really scored points with your wife when you offered to bathe the children and put them to bed.
- h. I scored some tickets to the Super Bowl. Would you like to go with me?

Read this conversation. Pay attention to the pronunciation of the SC words. After reading it through, tell the class what the conversation was about. Tell the meaning of the underlined expressions.

Jack: Why don't you scout around for a good place to eat while I check us into the hotel.

Later:

Scarlet: I asked the large woman in front of the hotel if she knew of a good restaurant. She scavenged in her purse, then pulled out a card with the name of a restaurant on it. She said on a scale of one to ten, this place was a ten. So, let's try it. It's just a block away.

At the restaurant

Jack: Oh wow, the food looks scrumptious. We really scored when we found this place. Look at that plate of fish. They are serving the whole fish, scales and all.

Scarlet: The woman in front of the hotel recommended the pan seared scallops with scallions. That's what I'll have.

Jack: That sounds good. Let me scan the menu and make sure there isn't something I would like better. These scrambled eggs sound pretty good.

Scarlet: You screwball. The scrambled eggs are on the breakfast menu. We're ordering dinner!

Jack: Just kidding. The scent of that barbecued scampi is hard to resist. Maybe I'll have that.

Scarlet: Look at that couple over there. The man was staring admiringly at the waitress and it made the woman mad. She's making a big scene about it.

Jack: A man who is out having dinner with his wife and admires another woman has no **scruples**. He should have known better.