

Pronunciation: LETTUCE is a green, leafy vegetable used in salad. LATTICE is something made by criss-crossing strips. These words sound very similar to non-native speakers.



Practice saying these word pairs that sound similar.

lettuce - lattice	lash - latch	cash - catch	guest - quest
tax - takes	miser - mixer	suing - swing	chapter - chatter
waffle - wobble	stewed - stood	claim - clam	waited - wasted

Match these words with their meanings.

quest	move side to side in an unsteady way
chatter	cook something slowly in liquid
wobble	talk a lot in a quick and friendly way
stewed	a small sea animal that lives inside a shell
clam	a long and difficult search for something

Phrasal Verbs: Work with a partner. Read these sentences. Put one of the phrasal verbs below in the blank. Tell what the phrasal verb means. Use each phrasal verb only ONE time.

fall behind	break off	get over	shut off
get up	help out	pull off	clear up

- I have had a cold for two weeks. I just can't _____ it.
- My alarm rings at 5 AM. It is so hard to _____ early.
- I don't want to miss school. I'm afraid I will _____ the other students.
- I was driving home late at night. I got very sleepy. I decided to _____ the road and rest.
- This couch is really heavy. I need to move it into the living room. Can you _____ me _____? (one phrasal verb separated by the pronoun "me")
- The antenna on my car will _____ if I drive too fast.
- _____ the water after you finish watering the yard.
- If the weather doesn't _____, we will have to cancel our picnic.

Put one of these phrasal verbs in the sentences below. Note that "get along with" and "put up with" have the same meaning, so you can interchange these.

try out	fell through	move in	work out	put up with	get along with	move out with
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My wife and I tried to purchase a house, but at the last minute the deal _____. We gave up our apartment at the end of the month, so we didn't have any place to live. My wife said we should _____ with her parents while we looked for another house. I didn't think that was a good idea, but I decided to _____ it _____. We got along with my wife's father just fine, but neither of us could _____ her mother. My mother-in-law is not an easy woman to _____. After listening to her complain about us and call us lazy, we decided living with her wasn't going to _____. We decided it was time to _____.

Get up out of your chair. Find someone in your class who has done each of these things. Write their name in the blank. When you have filled in most of the blanks, sit down and talk about who has done these things. Ask them to talk about their experience.

1. _____ has ridden on a motorcycle.
2. _____ has taken piano lessons.
3. _____ has swum in the ocean.
4. _____ likes to snorkel.
5. _____ has marched in support of a cause.
6. _____ has been to the new downtown Austin Library
7. _____ has traveled to more than 3 states in the U.S.
8. _____ must have a cup of coffee in the morning before they feel human!