

FUMC ESL Low Intermediate Lesson Pronunciation Rules

Rule 1: The letter C can say S or K. C says S before e, i or y. Examples-cent, city, cycle. It says K before everything else. Examples-cup, cat, clip, crowd.

Use the rule to pronounce these words:

decent	correct	panic	rescue	icy	cabin	cinnamon
fancy	panic	juicy	princess	carton	recent	calculator

The rule applies when there are more than one C in the word. Try these words. Tell which C has the K sound and which has the C sound: circle, success, vaccine, tobacco, vacancy

In some cases a C can be pronounced like SH. Ex: special, ocean, artificial, social

Work with a Partner to match the words to their definitions. Then use the words in the sentences below.

decent	a. a box made of cardboard that holds food or drink
panic	b. acceptable and good
rescue	c. so scared you do things without thinking
fancy	d. someone who enjoys people
juicy	e. something that is not usual
carton	f. save someone
special	g. not real
artificial	h. very nice and with lots of decoration
social	i. a brown spice used in cakes and cookies
cinnamon	j. contains a lot of juice

1. John is not very _____. He doesn't enjoy being around a lot of people. He's shy.
2. The building is on fire. But don't _____. Everyone stay calm.
3. My father is a _____ man. He would never lie or steal.
4. Don't worry. The lifeguard will _____ the woman before she drowns.
5. I have a lot of shoes, but none of them are _____. They are all very plain.
6. This chewing gum is very good. It's very _____.
7. I have lost my necklace. My boyfriend gave it to me on our first anniversary. It is very _____ to me.
8. My mother uses _____ sweeteners in her tea instead of real sugar.
9. I love to cook with _____. It is very good in oatmeal and cookies.

10. I will stop at the grocery store and buy a _____ of milk.

Discuss:

1. Describe your fanciest dress. When do you wear it?
2. Has anyone ever rescued you?
3. What's your favorite juice? Do you drink juice often?
4. Do you have a special keepsake or piece of jewelry that you treasure. Describe it and tell what makes it special.
5. Do you prefer being around people, or enjoying quiet time by yourself? How often do you get together with friends? Do you like to plan parties and get-togethers?
6. Do you use artificial sweeteners or real sugar? Are you worried about artificial ingredients in food?

Rule 2: When a word ends in a consonant and has only one vowel, that vowel is short (doesn't say its name). Examples: fat, cup, duck, jet, lip, pop. When a one syllable word ends in e, the e is silent and the first vowel is long (says its name).

Pronounce these word pairs that follow the rule:

rat - rate	hat - hate	cap - cape	not - note	tub - tube	hop - hope
rip - ripe	bit - bite	rob - robe	dim - dime	mad - made	cub - cube

The word "rat" can be used as an idiom to mean to tell on someone. EX: The police caught one of the thieves. He ratted on the other two.

Sometimes siblings rat on each other. For example, I ratted on my brother when he was planning to fight another boy. My mother told him he could not fight the boy. My brother was very mad at me. But I didn't want him to fight. I was afraid he would get hurt. I ratted on him because I loved him.

Have you ever ratted on someone?

If you "smell a rat" you are suspicious that something isn't right. For example, in New York City, people on the street sell designer scarves and purses for very low prices. I smell a rat. I don't think those things are really designer. I think they are fakes.

Have you ever "smelled a rat"?