

FUMC ESL 9-26-2019 Advanced Lesson

Pronouncing Connected Speech

In written English we separate words. In spoken English, we connect words.

EX: What did you do? is pronounced Whadijado?

The end of one word connects or links with the beginning of the next word.

This conversation is written as if it is spoken English. **Translate what you hear** into exactly what is being said. TEACHERS read the conversation to the students.

A: Whadaya do?

B: Ima photographer.

A: Whadaya take fodozev

B: Mostly I took fotos of family zinpets.

A: Wouja tay-ka picture-a my family?

B: Shur.

Translate this connected speech.

1. I guess you forgot to do it, so I major bed today.
2. Let's go to them all and look for shoes at Nordstroms.
3. That girl doesn't dress appropriately. Oliver skirts are very short.
4. Whaja doing here. This is room is only for faculty.
5. We're outta time.
6. I cud use a cuppa joe right now.
7. Lukit your watch and tell me the time.
8. Will you wash the dishes? If I hafta.
9. I can't sleepit home tonight.
10. Isi busy? Nah, not reallly.
11. Lemmeget my shuwon.
12. Where's Jake? I dunno. Hewuz here earlier. Izzi gonnow?

Work with a partner. Match the endings in the chart below to the sentences given. When you finish, read the sentences to the class. Don't use the answers more than once. Hint: Read all the sentences first and figure out the easy ones, then work on the more difficult answers.

he'll be late	I didn't want to upset you	I fell asleep	it's already two hours late	the audience was applauding wildly
she lost her voice	the bus broke down	the weather report was terrible	there was nothing in the fridge	they saw a train wreck

1. The plane was supposed to arrive at noon, but _____.
2. The students were going to go by bus to the TV station, but _____.
3. Tim was supposed to be here by 6:00, but _____.
4. The students were going by bus to the TV station when _____.
5. I was going to tell you the bad news, but _____.
6. Elena was going to sing at the concert, but _____.
7. Jenny was singing at the concert, and _____.
8. I was planning to watch the movie from beginning to end, but _____.
9. Dan was going to make a salad, but _____.
10. We were going to go sailing last weekend, but _____.

Choose one of these topics **and talk** on the subject, answering the questions. Then lead a class discussion by asking other students to comment on the topic.

1- People have different ways of escaping the stress and difficulties of modern life. Some read; some exercise; others work in their gardens. What do you think are the best ways of reducing stress? Use specific details and examples in your answer. Give examples from your own life.

2- Why do you think some people are attracted to dangerous sports or other dangerous activities such as base jumping, bungee jumping or sky diving? Use specific reasons and examples to support your answer. Are you interested in dangerous sports or activities? What's the most dangerous activity you have ever done? Do you enjoy watching others doing dangerous activities?

3- What change would make your hometown more appealing to young people? Is your hometown a good place to raise a family? Give an example of a tourist attraction in your hometown. Austin is known as a music capital. What is your hometown known for?

4- Studies show that American teens are more influenced by their social group and culture than by their parents. Do you think this is true? Do you think the same is true in your own culture? Do parents have a greater say about what their teenage or young adult children do in your country? Do you feel like your parents are pretty happy with the way you behaved as a teenager? Were there things you did as a teen that you hid from your parents?