

FUMC ESL 12-12-2019 Advanced Lesson

PRONOUNCING T:

1-When words that end in T are followed by words that begin with y, the sound changes. Listen as the teacher says these sentences.

Nice to meet you. Don't you want to come to the party. That dress doesn't suit you.
I bet your boss doesn't know. Can I get you anything?

Did you hear the T and the Y change to a CH sound. Meet you becomes meechee. Now you practice pronouncing the phrases above.

2-There are other words in which the T sounds like a CH. Try these words: fortune, nature, natural, feature, adventure, actual, habitual, potential, essential, question, suggestion, exhaustion

3-And sometimes, T sounds like D. Try these: city, bottle, cattle, dirty, water, daughter, settle, beauty, butter. So the word ladder and latter (meaning the last one) are pronounced the same.

Other times, we don't sound the T at all, as in: winter, gentle, center, castle, listen, ballet, buffet, accepts, Christmas, wrestle

Practice these T tongue twisters:

A tutor who tooted a flute,
Tried to tutor two tooters to toot.
Said the two to the tutor,
It's so hard to tutor two tutors to toot.

A tree toad loved a she-toad
Who lived up in a tree
He was a two-toed tree toad
But a three-toed toad was she
The two-toed tree toad tried to win
The three-toed she-toad's heart
For the two-toed tree toad loved the ground
That the three-toed tree toad trod
But the two-toed tree toad tried in vain.
He couldn't please her whim.
From her tree toad bower
With her three-toed power
The she-toad vetoed him

Idiom Practice: Read the paragraphs and explain the meaning of the underlined idioms.

1-My father takes a dim view of young girls going out at night without supervision. He takes for granted that the girls' older brothers or their fathers would accompany them.

How old were you before your parents allowed you to go out by yourself at night?

2-I grew up in England. At the tender age of 9, I was sent away to boarding school. Time was when all young boys were sent off to boarding school. To put it mildly, I was miserable.

Is it common for young children to be sent to boarding school in your country?

3-My brother promised to help me with my calculus homework tonight. But with him, talk is cheap. He decided to go out with his friends instead of helping me. When he offered to help me, I should have known it was too good to be true.

Did you get much help with school work from your older siblings?

4-Trudy asked me to help her with her calculus, but that is a tall order. She doesn't understand math well at all. It's very frustrating to try to help her. The reality of the situation is that it rarely turns out well when I try to help her. I usually end up losing my temper. She really tries my patience.

Who really tries your patience?

5-After a lot of give and take, we finally agreed on the terms. I have to give credit where credit is due, my agent did a great job negotiating on my behalf.

What does this quote mean? Is it true? "A good marriage is not based on give and take. It's based on give and give."

WRITING AND SPEAKING PRACTICE: Students choose one of these topics. Think about it and make some notes, then speak on the topic to the group.

1. It has been said, "Not everything that is learned is contained in books." Compare and contrast knowledge gained from experience with knowledge gained from books. In your opinion, which source is more important? Why?

2. Some people trust their first impressions about a person's character because they believe these judgments are generally correct. Other people do not judge a person's character quickly because they believe first impressions are often wrong. Compare these two attitudes. Which attitude do you agree with? Support your choice with specific examples.