

FUMC ESL 1-30-2020 High Intermediate Lesson

Pronunciation: In English, generally, if words are spelled almost the same, they rhyme. The vowels have the same sounds. Note these examples.

more - store - shore clean - bean dark - shark - park stand - hand - band fear - near
swing - sing - ring eat - cheat - beat frog - fog - log - hog smell - tell - spell

However, it is also true that words spelled almost the same have different pronunciations. For example, many words with O as the vowel are pronounced as if the vowel is U. Pronounce these words and tell which one has the UH sound.

fork - work font - front word - sword moth - mother
lone - done broth - brother cove - cover doze - dozen
worry - sorry bother - other home - some

Then there is "move" and "love". Both of these O words sound like U words. Love has the short U sound (like UH) and move has the long U sound (like OO)

Using WOULD

1. "Would you like" means "Do you want". EX: Would you like some coffee? Would you like to go dancing? Would you like to have dinner tonight?

2. "I would like" is the same as "I want". EX: I would like to stay home tonight. I'd like some tea, please. I'd like to go to dinner.

3. "Would you like" or "Do you like". Read these examples.

Would you like to go to the movies? Do you like movies?
Would you like some orange juice? Do you like orange juice?
What would you like to do next weekend? What do you like to do on weekends?

4. Notice that if you are talking about a general question, you use "do" not "would".

5. Which is correct in these sentences, "would you like" or "do you like"?

- a) _____ a cup of tea?
- b) _____ bananas?
- c) _____ an ice cream bar?
- d) _____ ice cream?
- e) _____ to play tennis?
- f) _____ playing tennis?

6. We use "would" to talk about the past. EX: When I was a boy, we would make our soccer balls out of old rags. Every weekend my father would drive us into the countryside.

Finish the sentence: When I was a child, we would...

7. We use “would” to talk about the future in the past. EX: In London, she met the man she would one day marry. He left five minutes late and that delay would save his life. I would have been on the plane that crashed if I had not slept late.

Have you ever missed an accident or bad event because you were late?

8. We use “would” in conditional clauses. EX: If I lost my job, I wouldn’t have enough money to pay rent. If I were you, I’d ignore him. If you knew him, you would love him.

Finish the sentence: If I had known then what I know now, I would have...

9. We use “would” to talk about things we want. EX: I would love to live here. I would love a cup of tea. Would you please stay another day? Would Bill help us move?

Finish the sentence: I would love to visit

10. We use “would” for polite requests. EX: Would you mind holding the door for me, please? What would be the best way to get downtown?

Finish the sentence: Would you mind if I ...

11. We use “would” to offer an opinion. EX: I would imagine he’ll spend the night here. Some people would call him rude. I would have to agree with you. I would never jump out of an airplane. I wouldn’t eat that if I were you.

I would never...

Discuss:

1. Would you ever pick up a hitchhiker?
2. Would you prefer to go biking or hiking?
3. Would you prefer to live in England or France?
4. What would you do if you found a ten dollar bill on the sidewalk?
5. If you went to Las Vegas, would you gamble?
6. Even if I was starving, I wouldn’t eat _____.
7. Would you donate a kidney to a friend if they needed it?
8. Would you lie to avoid hurting someone's feelings?
9. Would you give money to someone who begs on the street corner?
10. If you had a chance to go back in time and start your life over, would you do it?
11. Students write a question that begins "Would you ever..." Then ask your fellow students to answer.