

FUMC ESL Low Intermediate Lesson That's Life Lesson 11- THINGS IN THE MAIL

**Pronouncing EA**

Sometimes EA has the long E sound: year, leave, mean, each, beak

Sometimes EA has the short E sound: already, health, death, bread

Sometimes EA sounds like a short U sound: early, learn, research, earth These are unusual

**exceptions:** great (long A sound)

area, create, idea (pronounce both vowels)

beauty (long U sound)

bear (short A sound)

Pronounce these words and tell whether they sound more like **leave, health** or **learn**

Word List: eat, easy, ocean, react, sweat, head, deal, theater, feather

Pronouncing Vowels: Practice these word pairs.

bus - boss	cut - caught	done - dawn	gulf - golf	gun - gone
jug - jog	lung - long	sung - song	dull - doll	fund - fond
gut - got	hubby - hobby	hut - hot	nut - not	pup - pop

**Use the words in the table above to match the meanings. The first one is done for you.**

bus	is a good way to get to school or work if you don't own a car
	the sound a balloon makes when it bursts
	you use these to breathe
	something you sing
	includes pecans, walnuts and almonds
	a young dog
	when the sun rises
	played with clubs and a small ball
	go, went, _____
	a slow run
	your stomach
	small house
	opposite of cold
	opposite of sharp
	like or love someone or something

**Read the story on page 64. Ask about any sentences you don't understand.**

**Fill in the blanks below with words from the story.**

Katya opens her \_\_\_\_\_ every afternoon. Katya really enjoys getting \_\_\_\_\_. Katya keeps \_\_\_\_\_ with people through cards and letters. Katya opens a pink \_\_\_\_\_. It is a \_\_\_\_\_ announcement for their baby girl. Katya thinks, "I need to buy a \_\_\_\_\_." Katya opens another \_\_\_\_\_. It is a high school \_\_\_\_\_ announcement from her friend's grandson. Katya think, "I need to send him a \_\_\_\_\_ and some \_\_\_\_\_." Katya picks up another envelope. It is from Amanda. She is trying to \_\_\_\_\_ for a school trip. There is a \_\_\_\_\_ form enclosed. Then Katya opens bills from the gas and electric company. Katya thinks, "The mail is a little \_\_\_\_\_ today." She thinks she'll open the rest of the mail tomorrow.

**Discuss these questions in your group.**

1. Do you get many letters in the mail or do you mainly get bills and advertisements?
2. Do you write letters to people at home?
3. Do you have any relatives that don't use email?
4. Who do you keep in touch with from your home country?
5. Is it a custom in your country to send birth announcements when a baby is born?
6. Is it a custom to send high school and college graduation announcements?
7. Who do you donate money to?
8. Do people you know ever ask you to donate money to an organization?
9. If you couldn't afford a gift for the baby, would you make something for him/her?
10. What is the best thing you have ever received in the mail?