

Pronouncing F and V sounds: Practice these word pairs

fan - van	ferry - very	grief - grieve	wife - wives	off - of	foul - vowel
fine - vine	life - live	proof - prove	safe - save	belief - believe	surf - serve

Some words that end in F, make the plural form with V. Read these examples.

1. There are two **halves** of pie left. I want one **half**.
2. Mother made a **loaf** of bread. She usually makes two or three **loaves**.
3. Last year the cow had a **calf**. This year she had two **calves**.
4. I need a **knife**. Here are two **knives** on the table.
5. A **thief** broke in my apartment and stole my bike. It might have been two **thieves**. I'm not sure.
6. Here you can only have one **wife**. But in other countries you can have many **wives**.
7. Look at the pretty yellow **leaf**. All the **leaves** are falling off the trees now.
8. I put my spices on the top **shelf**. All the other **shelves** hold canned food.
9. A female **wolf** lives in the woods near my house. She has many little **wolves**.

More Modals

1. **Should** and **Ought To** mean the same. EX: You should come to Austin. You ought to come to Austin.
2. **Would** is used with "if phrases" to tell how things could be different. EX: If I lived in Austin, I would miss my parents.
3. **Would like** is a way to say what you want. EX: I would like a chocolate ice cream cone.
4. **Would rather** is a way to show a choice. EX: I would rather have chocolate than vanilla. You can use the contractions I'd, You'd, He'd, She'd, We'd, They'd.
5. **Must** can mean strong advice: You must call your mother now. I must not be late.
6. **Must** can also mean probably: It's Monday, so she must be in school. She isn't answering the doorbell. She must not be home.
7. **Must** and **Should** are similar in meaning. Must is a little stronger statement. EX: You should apply for citizenship. You must apply for citizenship.

City Dreams Chapter 14 -- A Date With Maria

Finally, Joe has a day off. This afternoon, he has a date with Maria. Joe takes the bus to Maria's apartment. A man answers the door. "Hello. I'm Joe Ryan," says Joe. "Hi, Joe. I'm Carlo Leoni, Maria's father." Joe and Carlo shake hands.

Maria is standing in her living room. "Where are you going?" asks Maria's father. "We want to see the Statue of Liberty," says Joe. "It's a symbol of freedom," says Maria. "Oh, and I have a camera," says Joe. "OK," says Carlo. "Have fun."

Joe and Maria take the subway to Battery Park. Then they take the ferry to Liberty Island. It's very interesting there. They are having a very good time. Suddenly, they see Maria's father, Carlo.

"What are you doing here, Dad?" asks Maria.

"Well, I love freedom," says Carlo. "And my camera is better than Joe's."

1. Tell what happened in this chapter in your own words.
2. Was Maria surprised to see her father?
3. Was Carlo worried about his daughter?
4. Did your mom or dad ever come on dates with you?

City Dreams Chapter 15 -- A Visit Home

After six months, Joe is very happy in New York. He likes his job at Hanson's Department Store. Joe sleeps okay on his air mattress. Maria is a very nice girlfriend. And Carlo likes Joe, too. In fact, he often goes out with them.

Now it's December. Joe wants to go home for the holidays. Joe's brother, Max can't go. He has to work. But Mr. Soto is giving Joe a few days off. Joe wants to surprise his mother. He takes a very long bus ride to his small town.

Finally, Joe arrives at his home. His mother is very happy to see Joe. She hugs and kisses him.

"What a surprise!" she says. "Come in."

"Thanks," says Joe. "I'm so happy to sleep in my own bed."

"Oh, dear," says his mother. "I gave away that old bed. Tonight you can sleep on the sofa. And in the morning, we'll buy an air mattress."

1. What does Joe like about New York?
2. Why can't Max go home for the holidays?
3. What happened to Joe's bed?
4. Where will Joe sleep?

Opposites: Write the opposite of each word in the space next to it. Use the word list below. (Teachers-After finding the right opposites, ask them to make a sentence with the word or its opposite.)

wrong	
long	
love	
forward	
crooked	
stop	
wet	

big	
fast	
agree	
for	
alive	
new	
begin	
bottom	
careful	
sad	
dangerous	
down	
early	
friend	
first	

WORD LIST

enemy	up	safe	careless	end	old
against	slow	happy	hate	late	top
last	short	dry	small	disagree	right
dead	straight	start	backward		

Read this poem, then write a simple verse about something you like. Make sure the 2nd and 4th lines rhyme. Read it to the class. (Teachers, you might need to give an example.)

I LIKE

I like sunshine. I like **snow**. I like brown leaves, When they **blow**.
 I like cookies. I like **cake**. I like waffles, When I **wake**.
 I like collies. I like **cats**. I like clowns, In funny **hats**.
 I like baseball. I like **trains**. I like sleeping, When it **rains**.