

FUMC ESL 9-23-2021 High Intermediate and Advanced Lesson

Introduce yourself. Tell where you are from and where you live now.

Because of Covid, we stay away from crowds. But, before Covid, did you enjoy being in a crowded restaurant or bar? Do you think you will ever feel comfortable in crowds again?

Pronouncing the vowel O: There are several ways to pronounce the vowel O. Ex: **hot, love, home, now, tool.** Each of these words uses a slightly different pronunciation. Say them and listen to how the O sound changes. The tables below have some examples of O words.

Pronounced with short O like HOT:

fox	rob	lot	got	pocket	nod	frog
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Pronounced with long O like HOME

coat	toad	rose	joke	those	note	comb
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Pronounced with UH sound like LOVE:

cover	nothing	does	honey	done	come	brother
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OO is usually pronounced with a long OOOH sound:

food	school	moon	spoon	zoo	roof	pool
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However, there are many exceptions. Sometimes OO is pronounced like long O, as in in **door** and **floor**. Sometimes OO is pronounced like a short U as in **blood** and **flood**. Sometimes OO is pronounced with an OOOOH sound, but slightly different from the OO words above. Look at these examples: **book, cook, foot, took, crooked, wood.** You may not be able to hear the small difference between these words. Listen: took - tool, pool - wool. Don't worry if you can't hear the difference.

Pronouncing OW: The letters OW have two different pronunciations. Listen: snow - plow. You use a snowplow to remove snow from your yard. In the same word, we have two different pronunciations. Listen: owl - bowl. Do you hear the two different pronunciations?

Pronounce these words, listening to the difference in the OW sound.

how	owl	bowl	row	arrow	towel	down
window	cow	clown	know	flow	flower	chow

Sometimes we have a word with two meanings and two pronunciations. EX: You can **row** a boat or have a **row** (means fight) with someone. You can tie a **bow** or **bow** to your elders.

EXERCISE: Read the word pairs and tell if the O is pronounced the same in both words. Answer SAME or DIFFERENT. Ignore any other vowels. We are only studying O today.

door - pour	dozen - doze	oven - loaf	oats - nope	glow - glove	jogging - joke
broke - body	dog - doe	dough - doe	hop - hope	elbow - toe	note - not
hotel - toast	apron - done	old - son	woman - work	work - woke	wrote - rock
tool - told	how - row	of - other	do - so	shot - shoot	tow - vow
proof - prove	soon - son	tooth - tough	won - one	bowl - howl	know - knowledge
own - owl	boot - boat	two - tow	wolf - women	some - women	phone - one

CONFUSING ADJECTIVES

There is a group of adjectives that can be very confusing because they **look like verbs**. They often have “ed” or “ing” endings. But they function as adjectives.

Example:

The word “tire” means to need rest or to lose interest in. You say, “Grandmother **tires** easily.” OR “The long hike **tired** her.” In both sentences “tire” is the verb.

But two adjectives are formed from this word. They are “**tiring**” and “**tired**”. “Grandmother was **tired** after the walk.” In this sentence, “was” is the verb and “tired” is the adjective. OR “I had a **tiring** day at work.” “Had” is the verb and “tiring” is the adjective.

These adjectives confuse English learners because they are not interchangeable. In other words you can’t use tiring or tired in the same way. You can’t say, “I had a tired day at work.” OR “Grandmother was tiring after the hike.”

In some sentences you can interchange the words, but it changes the meaning of the sentence.

Example: My boyfriend is so **bored**. My boyfriend is so **boring**.

In the first sentence, your boyfriend has lost interest in what is happening. In the second sentence, your boyfriend is causing others to lose interest in him.

Exercise: Choose the correct word in these sentences.

boring or bored:

This professor has been talking for hours. I am so _____.

This professor has been talking for hours. He is so _____.

satisfied or satisfying

The new employees are very _____ with their jobs.

I got a lot of work done today. It was a _____ day.

alarming or alarmed:

What an _____ noise!

I am _____ by the loud noises coming from my son's room.

amusing or amused:

He told an _____ story.

Jay was _____ when I told him the joke.

confusing or confused:

I am _____ about which word I should use.

It is a _____ problem.

depressing or depressed:

This rainy weather is _____.

I am _____ about the rainy weather.

exciting or excited:

May was _____ about winning the scholarship.

It was an _____ announcement.

embarrassing or embarrassed:

I was _____ when the teacher called on me.

As I walked to the stage to receive my award, I tripped. It was so _____.

exhausting or exhausted:

I hate cleaning my house. It is _____.

I am _____ after cleaning all day.

Our flights were delayed in every city. It took us 12 hours to make the trip. What an _____ trip!

frightening or frightened:

I am _____ of bees.

That was a _____ film.

Removing the honey from the bees nest was a _____ experience.

frustrating or frustrated:

Algebra is very difficult for me. It is _____ to work so hard on solving just one problem.

I am _____ because I can't solve this problem.

interesting or interested:

Dan is _____ in animals.

There are many _____ animals in the zoo.

Read the conversations. Explain them and answer the question.

Carla: We had a visiting professor give the class lecture today. He was incredibly boring.

Oscar: That's too bad. Did you fall asleep?

Carla: No, but I paid all my bills online and did my Calculus homework.

Oscar: I hope you don't have a test on his lecture.

Carla: I can get a copy of his notes online. Maybe it won't be so boring reading them.

1. What do you do if you're bored?
2. Were most of your college teachers interesting, or were many of them boring?
3. I get bored when I have to. _____

Ginny: My husband has to go to Brazil on business next week. I'm going with him. I've never been to Brazil.

Tara: I hope you enjoy yourself. The most exciting place my husband travels is to Waco, Texas. You are lucky.

I could get excited about a vacation to _____

Kay: What a day! Today was the tax deadline. I thought I had everything done, but at the last minute five new clients came in and asked me to file their income tax. I know I said I'd take you to dinner, but I just want to relax.

Tim: OK, I'll go get take-out. We'll eat Chinese food and watch a movie on TV.

After a stressful day, I relax by _____

Sara: I'm confused about my taxes. I know I have to pay federal income tax, but do I also have to pay a state income tax?

Lori: No. Though 42 of the 50 states have a state income tax, Texas isn't one of them.

What are you confused about?

Jane: I was so embarrassed today. I was downtown and I saw my cousin, Kate walking up ahead. I ran to catch up and grabbed her by the shoulder. But when Kate turned around, it wasn't Kate. And I was holding onto a stranger's shoulder. I was so embarrassed.

Sophie: That's nothing. I was at a bar last week with a bunch of my friends. I went to the bathroom, then walked back to the table. One of my friends pointed out that I was trailing toilet paper that was stuck on my shoe. Now that was embarrassing.

Tell something embarrassing you have done.

Tammy: As a child, I was afraid of the dark. Mother had to leave a light on in my room.

Olli: My daughter is frightened of the dark. I think that's normal for kids. I let her sleep with a flashlight. If she sees something scary, she can turn the light on it and realize it's probably just a pile of clothes.

What were you frightened of as a child?

What are you frightened of now?