

FUMC ESL 10-12-2023 High Beginning and Low Intermediate Lesson

Introduce yourself. Tell where you are from and where you live now. Tell about a memory you often think about. For example: I often think about how much I enjoyed my children when they were small.

Pronunciation: How do I pronounce the letter G?

There are two ways to pronounce the letter "g".

The hard G. is the most common pronunciation. The hard G is pronounced in these words: guess, go, get, great, gate, guitar, game, ago

The soft G is pronounced like a J as in giant, Germany, general, gymnastics, large, energy, change, giraffe, gentleman, genuine, gym

The general rule is this: if the letter after 'g' is 'e', 'i' or 'y', the pronunciation is a 'soft g' as in 'fringe'. Any other letter is pronounced with a hard g.

As in all English, there are many **exceptions**. For example, we say "range" with a soft G, though the rule says it should be a hard G. And to be more confusing, the g in "rang" is pronounced with a hard G as it should be. Practice saying **range** and **rang**. Say the words, "long" and "lounge". Which one has the soft G sound.

Finally, we have several words that have a G, but it is not spoken. It is silent. EX: foreign, cologne, gnaw, frighten. The G is usually silent when it comes before the letter H. EX: sigh, high, light, bright. Teachers, help with meaning of these words.

There are some words that have both soft G and hard G sounds. EX: geography, gauge, garage, gigantic, gorgeous. Practice saying these words. Tell which syllable has the soft G or the hard G. (Teachers help them with the meaning of these words.)

So there is no simple answer to, "How do I pronounce the G sound." You just have to practice.

Practice pronouncing these words and tell if the G has a hard or soft sound. Later, you should practice with this list so you can begin to hear the correct sound.

begin	goat	age	sponge	danger	goose
germs	garden	garbage	fragile	gum	edge
jogging	bridge	magnet	magic	pig	surgeon
ginger	yoga	wig	religion	recognize	apology
together	illegal	spaghetti	angel	magazines	negative
again	change	sugar	champagne	August	sight

Practice saying these phrases:

1. a gallon of gas

2. a frog on a log
3. gentle giraffe
4. edge of the bridge
5. giant goat
6. Garbage in, garbage out. (means: if the information you input is bad, the results will be wrong.)
7. Recognize your luggage? No, mine is alligator luggage.
8. foggy dragon (meaning here is-inability to think clearly)
9. bigger cougar
10. The sign says, "go".

Read this paragraph. Pay attention to the G words.

Gus Gives a Gift

Once there was a goose named Gus. Gus liked to play games, chew gum, and give gifts. Everyone who knew Gus, knew that he gave great gifts.

Once he gave someone a guitar. Another time he gave his friend a new set of luggage. All of his friends agreed that the best gift that Gus ever gave was a year's supply of hamburgers.

One day, Gus was tugging around a wagon with a gigantic bag in it. He tugged on the wagon from Mr. Dog's farm all the way to Mrs. Frog's wig shop. Everyone in town saw the wagon with the gigantic bag in it, but no one knew who would get the bag.

Doug was a good friend of Gus. Doug was busy planting green beans, grapes, and gooseberries in his garden. He didn't see Gus coming toward his house and tugging the wagon behind him.

When Gus finally reached Doug in his garden, Doug said, "Why are you pulling that wagon Gus?" Gus replied, "I came to give you a gift Doug."

Doug was very excited and felt like an important person. He knew that Gus gave good gifts. When Doug took the bag off of the gift, he couldn't believe his eyes. It was a big stack of eggs!

Doug was so happy that he ran over to Gus and gave him a big hug. Doug loved to eat eggs every morning. He knew how to cook eggs in many different ways.

Doug thanked Gus for the nice gift and said, "I will buy you a nice gift one day." Then they both said goodbye and Gus went home.

Using Verbs: LOOK

1-We use LOOK when we want someone to point their eyes at something. EX: Look at that beautiful bird! We can use LOOK with the adverbs: up, down, away or around. EX: You can LOOK UP and see a million stars. Or you can LOOK UP a word in the dictionary to find its

meaning. You can LOOK DOWN to see something on the ground. Or you can LOOK DOWN on people who you believe are inferior to you. EX: People shouldn't look down on homeless people. You can LOOK AWAY when there is something you don't want to see. EX: There was a horrible accident on the road I was on. When I passed it, I made the children look away. I didn't want them to see all the injured people. You can LOOK AROUND if you don't see what you want right away. EX: We saw several houses, but we didn't like any of them. We will LOOK AROUND for a better house.

2-We use LOOK with AT. EX: What are you looking at? Why are those kids looking at me?

3-We use LOOK LIKE to say something is similar to something else. EX: She looks like my sister. He looks like a smart person. My brother looks like my father. You don't look like yourself today.

4- If we want someone to review something we have done, we ask them to LOOK OVER it. EX: I finished writing my story. Can you look over it and see if I made any mistakes?

5-We can take a CLOSER LOOK at something. We look at something again, more carefully. EX: When I took a closer look, I saw the tiny ants. When I took a closer look at the painting, I saw where the painter signed it.

6-When we LOOK BACK ON something, we remember it. EX: When I look back on the time I was in college, I realize how much fun I had.

7-If you LOOK UP TO someone, you admire someone and want to be like them. EX: I look up to my grandmother. She is very smart and kind.

8-You can LOOK FORWARD to something fun. You anticipate having a good time. EX: I am looking forward to my vacation to Spain.

9-If you look at someone very hard, you GET A GOOD LOOK. EX: I can describe the man who broke your window. I got a good look at him. OR I didn't get a good look at the person who took my wallet.

10-If you LOOK AFTER someone, you take care of them. EX: My mother looks after my children while I work.

DISCUSS:

1. Who looks after your house when you are away?
2. Do you look after other people's children or pets?
3. What are you looking forward to?

4. What does your spouse look like? (In other words describe them. EX: how short or tall, what color hair, what color eyes, etc.
5. There is an expression, "Don't look a gift horse in the mouth." What do you think that means?
6. If you have an old house and want to give it a "modern look", what kinds of things could you do? What rooms are the most important to modernize? Have you modernized any rooms in your kitchen recently?