

11-16-2023 High Intermediate and Advanced Lesson

Remember: No classes next week. Classes will resume on November 27th.

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

Watch the Thanksgiving slide show. Ask the teacher if you have any questions.

Discuss:

1. Thanksgiving day is about giving thanks. In other words, thinking and talking about things we are thankful for. Talk about all the things you are thankful for.
2. Like the Pilgrims, some of you emigrated to the U.S. What were the reasons you emigrated?
3. Unlike the Pilgrims, you probably didn't starve when you came here. But you probably had other problems. What were some of the problems you had when you first arrived.
4. Has your life improved in the last year? How?
5. Is there anyone who helped you become the person you are? What would you thank them for if you could?
6. What's something you are looking forward to in the future?
7. What made you laugh or smile this week?
8. What are ways you can help others?
9. What movie or book inspired you?
10. What is a good question to ask someone if you want to start a conversation?
11. Thanksgiving celebrates the fall harvest. Do you have a fall harvest holiday in your country?
12. Besides money, what have you gained from work?
13. Do your struggles to learn English affect your confidence? Are you confident you will master English in the next year?
14. Do you have someone that you totally trust? Talk about it.

Pronunciation:

Part of the difficulty in understanding English speech is the tendency to blend words together. If we pronounce every word clearly, we have: IS IT GOING TO RAIN? But native speakers will run those words together so it sounds like IZIT GUNNA RAIN? Teachers: please demonstrate this.

We don't say: WHEN IS A GOOD TIME TO COME? We say: WHENZA GOOD TIME TACUM.

TEACHERS: Read these words like a native speaker would. STUDENTS: Tell what you think the teacher said:

1. WE SHUDA BEN THERE.
2. WUDYA LIKE SUM FISHNCHIPS?
3. WHADJA THINKA THAT MOVIE?
4. I CUDA DUNIT.
5. HOWDAYA KNOW?

S AND Z SOUNDS

There are 3 letters that can have the ZZZZ sound: Z as in zero, lazy or freeze. X as in xylophone, xerox, anxiety. S as in lose, use, excuse.

Practice saying these words:

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| sip - zip | Sue - zoo | loose - lose | rice - rise | place - plays |
| cease - sees | raced - raised | zoom - soon | zap - sap | lacey - lazy |

Nouns frequently have an S sound while the same word used as a verb has a Z sound. Read the examples:

- the abuse - to abuse
- the advice - to advise
- the excuse - to excuse
- the grease - to grease
- the house - to house
- the use - to use

Tell if these words end in a Z sound or an S sound.

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| glass | labs | rooms | times |
| pass | things | comes | across |
| yours | less | let's | leaves |
| cries | circus | tennis | theirs |
| focus | actress | does | dose |