

Lesson for FUMC ESL 2-10-2025

Introduce yourself. Tell something about yourself.

Practice Pronouncing Vowel Combinations with long E sound

IE	EI	EA	EE	EY
grief	leisure	sea	cheese	monkey
chief	ceiling	meat	asleep	key
piece	either	steal	coffee	money
niece	receive	eagle	sweet	turkey
thief	receipt	please	freeze	chimney
belief	caffeine	beans	knee	honey

NOTE: the EI vowel combination is very confusing because it can produce three different sounds: long E as shown above, long A as in weigh, neighbor, beige and vein or long I as in height.

1-When your dog dies, you experience **grief**. Grief is sadness. You **grieve** when you lose a pet. Grief is a noun and grieve is the verb form. Make a sentence with grief or grieve.

2-The **chief** of the Indian tribe is wise and strong. The **chief** crop of the tribe is corn. Explain the difference in meaning. What is the chief crop grown near where you live?

3-Many children have a **belief** in the tooth fairy. They **believe** the tooth fairy will leave money under their pillow. Which is the noun form and which is the verb form. Make a sentence with belief or believe. Do your kids believe in the tooth fairy? Is the tooth fairy a custom in your country? The tooth fairy leaves money in exchange for _____.

4-The kids have **leisure** time after school. Some of them play video games in their **leisure** time. What did you do with your leisure time as a child? What do you do now with your leisure time? Do you think too much leisure time is bad for kids?

5-When you build a fire in your house, the smoke goes up the **chimney**. Does your house have a fireplace and chimney? Do most houses in your country have a fireplace and chimney?

6-Jim likes to put peanut butter on a **piece** of celery for a snack. Do you eat peanut butter? It is common for children to eat peanut butter and jelly sandwiches. Is this type of sandwich common in your country? What is a common food people in your country would give their children as a snack? What is your favorite snack? Would you prefer a piece of pie or a piece of cake.

7-You can have **either** the red apple or the green one. **Either** one is fine, but you can't have both.

I don't eat apples. I don't like them. **Me neither**. Many Americans would say "me either". That is very commonly used. There is confusion on the grammar websites about whether "me either" is correct or incorrect. Some say "me neither" must be used. Others say both are incorrect. This is another example of a grammar rule so confusing that even native speakers get it wrong. You are welcome to Google "me either or me neither" and choose an opinion.

Idioms and Sayings:

1. That woman was rude to me. Next time I see her, I'll give her **a piece of my mind**. Who is someone you'd like to give a piece of your mind?
2. Jan **went to pieces** when her dog died. She couldn't stop crying. I hope I don't **go to pieces** at the funeral. Is it OK to express strong emotion in public in your country? What country has the most emotional people?
3. Mommy and Daddy **love you to pieces** darling. Other endearments (words that express love) include: honey, babe, sugar, sweetheart, sweetie pie. Ask your teachers what terms of endearment they use. Ask them what their husband or partner call them. My father always called me his "baby princess". He called me that even when I was an adult. What are some examples of endearments in your country?
4. Susan wants her grandchildren to visit more often. But when they do visit, she fusses at them. The grandchildren feel uncomfortable. If Susan would be nicer to her grandchildren, they would visit her more often. **You catch more flies with honey than vinegar**. Explain this saying? Do you have a similar phrase in your language?
5. Wendy advanced in her tech job, but eventually hit the **glass ceiling**. Most businesses, especially tech businesses are predominantly male. So a woman can advance up the ladder, but only so far. Then she hits a glass ceiling. She won't advance any farther because some men believe women shouldn't be in the top jobs. This used to be a big problem, and it still is in some industries. Have you had any experiences with the glass ceiling?
6. Jim struggled doing his taxes. He asked Jan to help him. Jan finished the taxes very quickly. She said it was **a piece of cake**. Something that is a "piece of cake" is very easy. What do some people struggle with, but you find to be a piece of cake?