

Lesson for FUMC ESL 2-13-2025

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

Pronunciation

Knowing which syllable to stress is very important in English. If you stress the wrong syllable, it might be hard for people to understand you. Stress patterns often change according to whether the word is a noun or a verb. For example, when "permit" is used as a verb, the stress is on the second syllable. Say: Please permit me to park in this lot. When "permit" is used as a noun, the first syllable is accented. EX: I have a permit to park in this lot.

The RULE: For a 2 syllable word, the first syllable is stressed if it is a noun and the second syllable is stressed if it is a verb.

Read the sentences. Pay attention to the stressed syllable in the underlined words. Explain the difference in meaning. Practice making sentences with the underlined word.

1. That vase is a beautiful object. I object to the court's decision.
2. My wife will love the present I bought her. I will present the ring to her after dinner.
3. What are the contents of this drawer? I am content to sit in a comfortable chair and read.
4. Please address this envelope. My address is 2999 Main St.
5. Saying I am too fat is an insult. Don't insult me about my weight.
6. I don't have a record of my birth. My mother didn't record my birthdate.
7. I buy all my produce at Trader Jo's. How much oil does Texas produce?
8. The protest was peaceful. I protest the 10 PM curfew!
9. Carl was the main suspect in the theft. I suspect Carl did it.
10. They will rebel against the new rules. The rebel was arrested and jailed.

Would you rather...

Practice making sentences to answer these questions. You would start, " I would rather..."

1. travel down the Mississippi River on a paddle boat or gamble in a casino in Las Vegas?
2. see a movie or read a good book?
3. have a surprise birthday party with all your friends there or have a quiet dinner with your partner?
4. live in a place where it snowed much of the winter or live in Arizona where it was very hot and dry?
5. move frequently from place to place or settle in one spot for a long time?
6. spend an evening with your grandmother or babysit a friend's child?
7. visit a cattle ranch or visit the Smithsonian Museum?

8. plant a garden or go grocery shopping?
9. go for a quiet walk in the woods or participate in a fun run?
10. go swimming in Barton Springs or kayak in Ladybird Lake?
11. be the person that cleaned the house or the person that cooked all the food?
12. be the smartest person in the room or the funniest?

DISCUSS

1-Tomorrow, Friday, February 14th is Valentine's Day. It is a day we do nice things for people we love. Do you celebrate Valentine's Day in your country? What kinds of things do people do on Valentine's Day?

2-What plans do you have for Valentine's Day?

3-Which Valentine's Day present do you prefer: a card or love letter, flowers, candy, a romantic dinner, a stuffed animal?

4-Are you a romantic person? Who is more romantic, you or your partner?

5-Is your partner very affectionate? Do you like to cuddle with your sweetie?

6-If you could travel anywhere for a romantic getaway, where would you go?

7-What is your favorite memory with your husband/wife or partner?