

Using a Dictionary for Pronunciation and Listening Activities

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1. Goal for Pronunciation work

To help learners produce easily understood flowing stretches of speech at speeds which are comfortable to them, and patterned in a way which maintains the interest of their listeners.

2. Goal for Listening work

To make students familiar and comfortable with the real-time nature of the stream of speech, and the way in which this stream is patterned by the speaker to communicate meanings.

3. Example - able

E able (CAN DO) UK US /'eɪ.bəl/ adjective **Word Building**

Usage Note **Extra Examples**

be able to do sth to have the necessary physical strength, mental power, skill, time, money or opportunity to do something

Will she be able to cope with the work?

He's never been able to admit to his mistakes.

I'm sorry that I wasn't able to phone you yesterday.

It's so wonderful being able to see the sea from my window.

See also [ability](#)

SMART thesaurus

be better able to do something
to find it easier to do something

Get a good night's sleep and you'll feel better able to cope.

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1. Will she be able to cope with the work?
2. He's never been able to admit to his mistakes.
3. I'm sorry that I wasn't able to phone you yesterday.
4. It's so wonderful being able to see the sea from my window.

3a // i'm SORry // that i WASn't Able // to PHONE YOU // YESterday //

3b // i'm SORry that i WASn't able // to PHONE you YESterday //

3c // i'm SORry that i wasn't able to PHONE you yesterday // 120 + 200 + 300

	5	4	3	2	1
A	i'm	SO	rry that i wasn't able to	PHONE	you yesterday
B	i'm	SO	rry that i wasn't able to	MEET	you yesterday
C	i'm	SO	rry that i wasn't able to	COOK	for you yesterday
D					
E					

4. Example - difficult

E **difficult** UK US /'dɪf.ɪ.kəl/ adjective Extra Examples

1 needing skill or effort; not easy
a difficult problem/choice/task/language
 [+ to infinitive] **It** will be very difficult **to** prove that they are guilty.
*Many things make **it** difficult **for** women **to** reach the top in US business.*
 [+ ing form of verb] He finds **it** extremely difficult **being** a single parent.

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2 not friendly, easy to deal with, or behaving well
 [+ to infinitive] *The manager is difficult **to** deal with/a difficult person **to** deal with.*
His wife is a very difficult person.
Please children, don't be so difficult!

SMART thesaurus

1. The manager is difficult to deal with.
2. The manager is a difficult person to deal with.
3. His wife is a very difficult person.
4. Please children, don't be so difficult!

3a // HIS WIFE is a // VErY DIfFicult PERson //

3b // his WIFE is a VErY DIfFicult PERson //

3c // his WIFE is a very DIfFicult person //

	5	4	3	2	1
A	his	WIFE	is a very	DIFF	icult person
B	her	HUS	band is a very	DIFF	icult person
C	my	BRO	ther is a very	DIFF	icult person
D					
E					

Podcasts

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