

High School Beginner ESL - Session 3

Hello Student!

This session will help you practice:


- Shopping and money conversations
- Question and answer patterns
- Word stress in English
- Expressing different emotions
- Similar-sounding words
- Reading a short story

Section 1: Conversation Practice

How to do this:

1. Read each conversation phrase
2. Practice saying it clearly and naturally
3. Try using hand gestures or facial expressions

Shopping at a Store

Example: "How much does this cost?" 

Try saying it like:

- "Could you tell me the price of this shirt?"
- "Is this on sale?"

Your Practice: _____

Tutor's tip: _____

Asking About Money

Example: "Do you accept credit cards?" 

Try saying it like:

- "Can I pay with cash?"
- "Do you have change for a twenty-dollar bill?"

Your Practice: _____

Tutor's tip: _____

Comparing Prices

Example: "This one is cheaper than that one." 


Try saying it like:

- "I think this is a better deal."
- "Which is less expensive, the blue one or the red one?"

Your Practice: _____

Tutor's tip: _____

Talking About Shopping Preferences

Example: "I like to shop at the mall." 


Try saying it like:

- "I prefer online shopping because it's convenient."
- "My favorite store is [store name]."

Your Practice: _____

Tutor's tip: _____

Asking for Help

Example: "Can you help me find size medium?" 

Try saying it like:

- "Where can I find the shoes section?"
- "I'm looking for a jacket like this one."

Your Practice: _____

Tutor's tip: _____

Section 2: Pitch & Intonation Practice

How to do this:

1. Read each sentence out loud
2. Try the different voice patterns (up, down, flat)
3. Check the one that sounds most natural

How much is this?

Voice pattern: ☐ Rising  ☐ Falling  ☐ Flat →

Usually said with: Rising tone (voice goes up at the end for questions)

Your Answer: _____

Tutor's tip: _____

It's fifteen dollars.

Voice pattern: ☐ Rising  ☐ Falling  ☐ Flat →

Usually said with: Falling tone (voice goes down at the end for statements)

Your Answer: _____

Tutor's tip: _____

That's too expensive!

Voice pattern: ☐ Rising  ☐ Falling  ☐ Flat →

Usually said with: Rise-Fall (up on "That's" then down on "expensive")

Your Answer: _____

Tutor's tip: _____

Do you have a smaller size?

Voice pattern: ☐ Rising  ☐ Falling  ☐ Flat →

Usually said with: Rising tone (voice goes up at the end for yes/no questions)

Your Answer: _____

Tutor's tip: _____

I'll take this one.

Voice pattern: ☐ Rising  ☐ Falling  ☐ Flat →

Usually said with: Falling tone (voice goes down at the end for statements)

Your Answer: _____

Tutor's tip: _____

Section 3: Word Stress Practice

How to do this:

1. The CAPITAL letters show the stressed syllable
2. Say that part LOUDER and slightly longer

3. Practice each word several times

discount

Say it like: DIS-count (stress on first syllable)

Try it in a sentence: "This store has a DIS-count on shoes today."

Your Practice: _____

Tutor's tip: _____

expensive

Say it like: ex-PEN-sive (stress on middle syllable)

Try it in a sentence: "Those shoes are too ex-PEN-sive for me."

Your Practice: _____

Tutor's tip: _____

receipt

Say it like: re-CEIPT (stress on second syllable)

Try it in a sentence: "Can I have a re-CEIPT, please?"

Your Practice: _____

Tutor's tip: _____

shopping

Say it like: SHOP-ping (stress on first syllable)

Try it in a sentence: "I'm going SHOP-ping this weekend."

Your Practice: _____

Tutor's tip: _____

customer

Say it like: CUS-to-mer (stress on first syllable)

Try it in a sentence: "The CUS-to-mer asked for help."

Your Practice: _____

Tutor's tip: _____

Section 4: How Do You Say It?

How to do this:

1. Read each sentence with the feeling shown
2. Pay attention to your tone of voice and face
3. Practice showing the emotion clearly

I found a great sale! 😄

(Express: Excited - speak faster, energetic tone)

Voice: Higher pitch, enthusiastic

Face: Wide eyes, big smile

Your Practice: _____

Tutor's tip: _____

I can't find my wallet. 😟

(Express: Worried - speak with concern)

Voice: Slightly higher pitch, faster pace

Face: Furrowed eyebrows, looking around

Your Practice: _____

Tutor's tip: _____

Do you have this in blue? 😕

(Express: Curious - speak with interest)

Voice: Clear, slightly rising at end

Face: Interested expression, head slightly tilted

Your Practice: _____

Tutor's tip: _____

Fifty dollars? That's too much! 😲

(Express: Surprised/Disappointed - speak with emphasis)

Voice: Higher pitch on "fifty," emphasis on "too much"

Face: Wide eyes, slightly open mouth

Your Practice: _____

Tutor's tip: _____

Thank you for your help. 😊

(Express: Grateful - speak warmly)

Voice: Sincere, measured pace

Face: Genuine smile, direct eye contact

Your Practice: _____

Tutor's tip: _____

Section 5: Minimal Pairs

How to do this:

1. Listen carefully to your tutor say each pair
2. Try saying both words and feel the difference

3. Circle the word you hear when your tutor tests you

price vs. prize

(Different ending sounds: unvoiced "s" vs. voiced "z")

Say both:  price (quiet ending) -  prize (buzzing ending)

Your Answer: _____

Tutor's tip: _____

sale vs. sail

(Same sound, different meaning)



Say both:  sale (discount) -  sail (boat part)

Your Answer: _____

Tutor's tip: _____

cash vs. catch

(Different ending sounds: "sh" vs. "tch")



Say both:  cash (money) -  catch (grab)

Your Answer: _____

Tutor's tip: _____

cheap vs. chip

(Different vowel sounds: long "ea" vs. short "i")

Say both:  cheap (inexpensive) -  chip (small piece)

Your Answer: _____

Tutor's tip: _____

cost vs. coast

(Different vowel sounds: short "o" vs. long "oa")

Say both:  cost (price) -  coast (shore)

Your Answer: _____

Tutor's tip: _____

Section 6: Reading Practice: Going Shopping

How to do this:

1. First listen to your tutor read
2. Then read out loud, sentence by sentence
3. Pay attention to periods (.) and commas (,)

Today I need to buy some new clothes. I decide to go to the mall. 

When I get there, I look for the sale signs. I want to find good prices! ↗ ↘

First, I go to a shoe store. "How much are these sneakers?" I ask the salesperson. ↗

"They are fifty dollars, but today we have a twenty percent discount," she says. ↘

"That's a good deal. I'll take them," I reply. I pay with my debit card. ↘

Next, I look for a new shirt. I find a blue one and a green one. I try them both on. ↘

The blue shirt fits better. "I'll buy this one," I tell the cashier. ↘

After shopping, I feel happy with my new things. Shopping is fun when you find good deals! ↗ ↘

Reading Tips:

- Pause at commas (,) ||
- Stop at periods (.) □
- Sound excited at exclamation points (!) 🔔
- Make your voice go up for questions (?) ↗
- Use different voices for dialogue (" ") 🗣️

Tutor's tip: _____

Wrap-Up: What Did You Learn Today?

New Words I Learned:

- 1.
- 2.
- 3.
- 4.
- 5.

Words or Sounds to Practice Next Time:

- 1.
- 2.
- 3.
- 4.
- 5.

My Favorite Part of Today's Session:
