

NUMBER PRONUNCIATION

Practice of Minimal Pairs

INSTRUCTIONS FOR THE TEACHER

Copy the following on a chalkboard. Read the words to your students.

LEFT	RIGHT
Thirteen	Thirty
Sixteen	Sixty
Fourteen	Forty
Seventeen	Seventy
Fifteen	Fifty
Eighteen	Eighty
Nineteen	Ninety

Give each student a copy of the following chart. Review the chart with them. Tell students that at each number on the chart, they will have a choice of going either to the left or to the right as they advance forward to the next number.

Explain that you will read four number words from the list above. As you read each word, students must look for it in the RIGHT or LEFT column. If the word is in the RIGHT column, students should advance to the next number to the right on the chart. Likewise, if it is in the LEFT column, then students should advance to the next number on the left. After you have said all four number words, the students should all have reached the same location in the chart.

EXAMPLE:

Thirteen (students will advance LEFT)—Seventy (advance RIGHT)—Forty (advance RIGHT)—Ninety (advance RIGHT) = JAPAN (final destination)

After you have led the students in a couple of rounds of this game, have them try it in pairs.

The following are suggested routes for reaching each of the final destinations on the chart:

Thirteen (LEFT)—Sixteen (LEFT)—Fourteen (LEFT)—Fifteen (LEFT) = CANADA

Sixteen (LEFT)—Seventeen (LEFT)—Fourteen (LEFT)—Fifty (RIGHT) = NIGERIA

Thirteen (LEFT)—Seventeen (LEFT)—Forty (RIGHT)—Nineteen (LEFT) = BRAZIL

Nineteen (LEFT)—Fourteen (LEFT)—Eighty (RIGHT)—Ninety (RIGHT) = INDONESIA

Fifteen (LEFT)—Thirty (RIGHT)—Eighteen (LEFT)—Thirteen (LEFT) = AUSTRALIA

Seventeen (LEFT)—Forty (RIGHT)—Nineteen (LEFT)—Thirty (RIGHT) = GERMANY

Fourteen (LEFT)—Sixty (RIGHT)—Thirty (RIGHT)—Eighteen (LEFT) = CHILE

Sixteen (LEFT)—Sixty (RIGHT)—Ninety (RIGHT)—Fifty (RIGHT) = JAPAN

Thirty (RIGHT)—Seventeen (LEFT)—Fourteen (LEFT)—Nineteen (LEFT) = TURKEY

Seventy (RIGHT)—Fourteen (LEFT)—Thirteen (LEFT)—Ninety (RIGHT) = INDIA

Sixty (RIGHT)—Eighteen (LEFT)—Forty (RIGHT)—Thirteen (LEFT) = GREECE

Thirty (RIGHT)—Fifteen (LEFT)—Thirty (RIGHT)—Eighty (RIGHT) = MEXICO

Ninety (RIGHT)—Seventy (RIGHT)—Fourteen (LEFT)—Seventeen (LEFT) = TAIWAN

Fifty (RIGHT)—Forty (RIGHT)—Sixteen (LEFT)—Thirty (RIGHT) = EGYPT

Seventy (RIGHT)—Ninety (RIGHT)—Sixty (RIGHT)—Thirteen (LEFT) = FRANCE

Eighty (RIGHT)—Thirty (RIGHT)—Ninety (RIGHT)—Forty (RIGHT) = THE UNITED STATES

