**TASK: FOCUS ON PRONUNCIATION**

When you listen to English speaking people, you might think that sometimes it is difficult to understand them because they speak too fast and non-stop. However, they don’t always do that. On the contrary, they actually tend to speak in short phrases and they stop or pause between the phrases.

(a) Now with this in mind, re-watch the video¹, pay attention to the pauses and mark them with “/”.

(b) Next, highlight at least five words that contain a *voiced “s”* and *unvoiced “s”*. Practice these words with a partner.

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1. My, uh, my brother and I have been going, uh, well, a little bit crazy the past couple of days.
2. Um We were going crazy ’cause we-we wanted make sure that this day was perfect for you, Kate. And the reason we wanted to make sure this day was absolutely perfect for you is because that's that's what Dad would've done. He would've made it perfect for you. And, uh If he were here, he definitely would've looked at you and he would've said, "Katie girl in your life you have never looked more beautiful than you do right now." And he would've been right, by the way. You're beautiful. Um Mom, Randall, uh earlier last year, Kate said something to me that was, well, profound, uh She said, "Kevin, if you don't allow yourself to to grieve Dad's death, it'll be like taking a giant breath in and just holding it there for the rest of your life."

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¹ [https://tinyurl.com/tb33vqf](https://tinyurl.com/tb33vqf)
At the time, I didn't want to hear any of that. You know I I didn't. Um but here we are. It's one
DUI and a rehab stint later, and I-I'm-I'm thinking maybe you were on to something - when
you said that to me, um - (LIGHT CHUCKLES) I think we've all been holding our breath for
a long time. And, um So before we toast Toby and Kate, before we clink our glasses, I think
that the four of us should, uh, release that breath together. I think it's important that we do
that, that we just let go of those things we've been holding onto, so So here we go. (DEEP
INHALE) (SLOW EXHALE) (DEEP INHALE) (SLOW EXHALE) (EXHALE)
(EXHALING) - Okay. - (LIGHT CHUCKLES) KEVIN: I, uh I think my time is up.
Um (CLEARS THROAT) Toby, Kate I love you both so much. I really do. I am so happy for
you. I'm proud. And I-I'm sorry my toast was weird. I'm not an expert on marriage at all, but,
um, this next young gentleman is, my brother Randall. Please come save me. Save your
brother. Come on, young man. Ladies and gentlemen, Randall Pearson, my brother.b
Oh man! You did good.
There you go.
(APPLAUSE) Um Those of you who know me, know that I'm big on control. It's taken me 37
years to accept the fact that there's absolutely zero point in trying to control the future. 'Cause
nobody knows where we'll be. Not even a year from now.
CAPTAIN: Well, folks, we'll be landing in Vietnam shortly, where it's a balmy 85 degrees.
KATE: Hey, babe. I just spoke to the doctor. He wants you to come in tomorrow, talk about
adjusting your meds.
But what we can control are the people we choose. Choosing our people is the closest we
come to controlling our destiny.
Where's Deja?
RANDALL: Because while everything else may change, if you choose right, your people will
stay the same. Whether that's tonight or a year from now, or ten years from now
It's time to go see her, Tess. I'm not ready. Me neither.
RANDALL: Katie girl, Tobias, when I look at you, I know in my bones that in choosing each other, you have chosen perfectly.

(SOFTLY): Yes.

To Kate and Toby.

Kate and Toby.

- (CHEERS, APPLAUSE) - Come here.

I liked your toast.

I've, um, always been a sucker for a good toast.

- Thank you.

- Yeah.