

**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 video<sup>1</sup>, 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.

- 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,
- 3 Kate. And the reason we wanted to make sure this day was absolutely perfect for you is
- 4 because that's that's what Dad would've done. He would've made it perfect for you. And, uh If
- 5 he were here, he definitely would've looked at you and he would've said, "Katie girl in your
- 6 life you have never looked more beautiful than you do right now." And he would've been
- 7 right, by the way. You're beautiful. Um Mom, Randall, uh earlier last year, Kate said
- 8 something to me that was, well, profound, uh She said, "Kevin, if you don't allow yourself to
- 9 to grieve Dad's death, it'll be like taking a giant breath in and just holding it there for the rest
- 10 of your life."

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<sup>1</sup> <https://tinyurl.com/tb33vqf>

11 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  
12 DUI and a rehab stint later, and I-I'm-I'm thinking maybe you were on to something - when  
13 you said that to me, um - (LIGHT CHUCKLES) I think we've all been holding our breath for  
14 a long time. And, um So before we toast Toby and Kate, before we clink our glasses, I think  
15 that the four of us should, uh, release that breath together. I think it's important that we do  
16 that, that we just let go of those things we've been holding onto, so So here we go. (DEEP  
17 INHALE) (SLOW EXHALE) (DEEP INHALE) (SLOW EXHALE) (EXHALE)  
18 (EXHALING) - Okay. - (LIGHT CHUCKLES) KEVIN: I, uh I think my time is up.  
19 Um (CLEARS THROAT) Toby, Kate I love you both so much. I really do. I am so happy for  
20 you. I'm proud. And I-I'm sorry my toast was weird. I'm not an expert on marriage at all, but,  
21 um, this next young gentleman is, my brother Randall. Please come save me. Save your  
22 brother. Come on, young man. Ladies and gentlemen, Randall Pearson, my brother.b  
23 Oh man! You did good.  
24 There you go.  
25 (APPLAUSE) Um Those of you who know me, know that I'm big on control. It's taken me 37  
26 years to accept the fact that there's absolutely zero point in trying to control the future. 'Cause  
27 nobody knows where we'll be. Not even a year from now.  
28 CAPTAIN: Well, folks, we'll be landing in Vietnam shortly, where it's a balmy 85 degrees.  
29 KATE: Hey, babe. I just spoke to the doctor. He wants you to come in tomorrow, talk about  
30 adjusting your meds.  
31 But what we can control are the people we choose. Choosing our people is the closest we  
32 come to controlling our destiny.  
33 Where's Deja?  
34 RANDALL: Because while everything else may change, if you choose right, your people will  
35 stay the same. Whether that's tonight or a year from now, or ten years from now  
36 It's time to go see her, Tess. I'm not ready. Me neither.

- 37 RANDALL: Katie girl, Tobias, when I look at you, I know in my bones that in choosing each  
 38 other, you have chosen perfectly.  
 39 (SOFTLY): Yes.  
 40 To Kate and Toby.  
 41 Kate and Toby.  
 42 - (CHEERS, APPLAUSE) - Come here.  
 43 I liked your toast.  
 44 I've, um, always been a sucker for a good toast.  
 45 - Thank you.  
 46 - Yeah.