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**ESL 23: Speaking Assignment- Q: Unit 9- Introduction to English Sentence Rhythm**

**Directions:** For this assignment, you are going to choose a video clip to mirror. The video transcripts are on the back of this handout. You will be practicing the following: 1) use of pausing between thought groups, 2) stress on content words, 3) correct pronunciation of –s and –ed endings, 4) linking words, and 5) intonation.

Follow these steps:

- ✓ Look at the video clips to mirror from on the back of this handout.
- ✓ Listen to the video clip and mark your transcript. Mark your transcript in the following ways:
  - underline –s and –ed endings and mark the pronunciation
    - (e.g. /z/, /s/, /iz/ or /t/, /d/, or /id/)
  - mark thought groups with a (/)
  - mark content words with a (•)
  - mark linked words with (  )
  - mark any intonation with (  ) or (  )
- ✓ Practice repeating the speaker’s lines in the video numerous times until you sound like him/her.
- ✓ Think about how I will grade your talk using the rubric below.
- ✓ Record your transcript and send it to me at: [ruth.luman@gmail.com](mailto:ruth.luman@gmail.com) . Turn in your complete handout. This is due: \_\_\_\_\_

Evaluation	20 points	15 points	10 points	5-0 points
Student spoke easily and fluently and did not read the transcript word by word.				
Pronunciation was easy to understand. There were clear word endings.				
The student accurately marked the video transcript.				
The student correctly linked words and stressed content words.				
The student also demonstrated similar intonation and thought group pausing to the speaker in the video clip.				

### Video Transcript #1- Find the Joy in Your Life (from The Bucket List)

Link: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=iioBwO6vnEs>

Transcript:

Dear Edward. I've gone back and forth the last few days trying to decide whether or not I should even write this. In the end, I realized I would regret it if I didn't so here goes. I know the last time we saw each other we weren't exactly hitting the sweetest notes. It certainly wasn't the way I wanted the trip to end. I suppose I'm responsible, and for that I'm sorry. But, in all honesty, if I had the chance, I'd do it again. Virginia said I left a stranger and came back a husband. I owe that to you. There's no way I can repay you for all you've done for me so rather than try, I'm just going to ask you to do something else for me. Find the joy in your life.

### Video Transcript #2: He Saved My Life (from The Bucket List)

Link: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=uiy-sT9JgRo>

Transcript:

Good afternoon. My name is Edward Cole. I don't know what most people say at these occasions because in all honesty. I've tried to avoid them. The simplest thing is I loved him and I miss him. Carter and I saw the world together which is amazing when you think that only three months ago we were complete strangers. I hope that it doesn't sound selfish of me but the last months of his life were the best months of mine. He saved my life. And he knew it before I did.