

Series 1 – No.5 Difficult

Worksheet

Part 1 Today's word

Difficult /'dif.ɪk.əlt/

Part 2 Examples

- 1 The manager is difficult to deal with.
- 2 The manager is a difficult person to deal with.
- 3 His wife is a very difficult person.
- 4 Please children, don't be so difficult!

Part 3 Practice

A Slowly, with five stresses. Use a rising tone starting on 'WIFE' and a falling tone on the first syllable of 'PERson':

// HIS WIFE is a // VErY Difficult PERson //

B A bit faster, with four stresses. Use a falling tone starting on the first syllable of 'PERson':

// his WIFE is a VErY Difficult PERson //

C Faster again, with two stresses at different speeds. Make the words in capital letters loud and clear, and all the other words soft. Start a falling tone on 'DIFF' and continue over 'icult person'.

C1 // his WIFE is a very DIFFicult person // 120

C2 // his WIFE is a very DIFFicult person // 200

C3 // his WIFE is a very DIFFicult person // 300

D Look at the table below. Add two sentences of your own in rows 4 and 5. In pairs, say the sentences to each other. As you listen to your partner, make sure that 'is a very' is soft and unclear, and that 'WIFE', and the first syllables of 'HUSband' and 'BROther' are loud and clear.

1	his	WIFE	is a very	DIFF	icult person
2	her	HUS	band is a very	DIFF	icult person
3	my	BRO	ther is a very	DIFF	icult person
4					
5					

► HINT: boss/sister/mother

Part 4 Pairwork

1 Now we will add a reply to these sentences. In pairs, take turns saying A and B's parts.

A // his WIFE is a very DIFFicult person //

B // OH // I think she's very FRIENDly //

2 Now make similar replies to the other sentences in the table, and practice them in pairs.

A // her HUSband is a very DIFFicult person //

B // OH // I think he's very FRIENDly //

A // my BROther is a very DIFFicult person //

B // OH // I think he's very FRIENDly //

A // is a very DIFFicult person //

B // OH // I think she's very FRIENDly //

A // is a very DIFFicult person //

B // OH // I think she's very FRIENDly //