**“Tiger Farm”: Filled Pauses**

**Listening While Noting the Filled Pauses**

The following is a transcript of the text that does not show any of the pauses. Read over the transcript first, and then we’ll listen again.

While you are listening, fill in/write down wherever there is a filled pause.

When there is a silent pause, write “SP”.

**Paul**: Hey, Todd, I saw your pictures with you and some tigers. Where, where's that, man?

**Todd**: That was at a place in Southeast Asia. It was in Thailand, actually.

**Paul**: Right.

**Todd**: Yeah, it was pretty cool. I was a bit dubious of it. I saw the little advertisement of Tiger World and Tiger Zoo, or whatever it was. I went and took a tuk-tuk out there and  checked it out, and it was pretty cool.

**Paul**: How are the tigers treated within the zoo, the Tiger Land?

**Todd**: Well, it's actually quite weird, in that it was like a zoo but you can go in and touch the tigers…

In pairs, compare your transcripts. See if you came up with the same pauses.

Now listen again, to see if you missed any.

**Follow-up Discussion**

After listening the third time, discuss these questions in groups of four:

* There were many more filled pauses than silent pauses in the text. Why do you think this is? Was this a surprise?
* Why do the speakers have these pauses (both filled and unfilled) in their speech? Why do these occur?
* Do the filled pauses have *meaning*?