

Playing the Sounds in the Word “Those”

The purpose of this recording is to learn the ways in which we play the sounds of words to achieve different effects when we speak.

Listen to the word “those” used in a number of contexts. Consider which parts of the word are elongated, intensified, or otherwise played up as you listen.

1. A seventh grade girl might say to her mother, “Do you really expect me to wear those?”
2. A big sister caught red handed with the crumbs of a cookie her brother was saving might say, “Those? Oh. Those are just from a piece of toast”
3. Someone who was just reminded of an old pair of pants that will be perfect for a Halloween costume might say, “Oh ... Those!”
4. Someone who has just been reminded to eat the Brussel sprouts on their plate might say, “Those are disgusting!”
5. A scientist leaning over the shoulder of an investigator who is looking through a microscope might say, “Those little red saucer shaped particles. Yeah. Those.”