

# VI17

## PATIENCE AND NERVOUSNESS



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**On edge** -----nervous , anxious, ill at ease(nervously uncomfortable)

è I was on edge backpacking to Africa.

è I felt quite ill at ease while climbing at the peak of the Mt. Everest.

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**Activity 1 Pronunciation Guide**

**Activity 2 Picture Story**

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## INTERMEDIATE

### PATIENCE

1. The capacity, quality, or fact of being patient.
- 2.

**SYNONYMS** 1. *patience* -*Patience* emphasizes calmness, self-control, and the willingness or ability to tolerate delay:

**EXAMPLE** *Our patience will achieve more than our force*

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**Activity 2 Let's Talk the word "Patience"**

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## ADVANCED

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**Take one's own sweet time**---to do at one's own pace, drag one's heels.

è My children always drag their heels getting ready for bed at night.

è The shopper stood impatiently while the clerk took his own sweet time

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**On pins and needles**—anxious without anticipation

Usage note: this is always used with the verb wait

è The children were on pins and needles waiting for the Christmas gifts from Santa Claus.

è Rob waited on pins and needles for their first baby in the delivery room.

**Be wounded up** --- to be tense, to be nervous

Usage note: other verb such as fell and seem and adverbs like all and so are often used.

è Why do you seem to wound up? Sit back and relax, willl you?

è Kevin was all wound up before his turn for the audition.

**Activity 1 Make sentences telling something about yourself.**  
**Activity 2 Patience Test: True or False**

1. Even in the most trying of office meetings, I am able to keep a cool head.
2. I never raise my voice to make a point.
3. I don't believe in using physical force and have never as much as slightly shoved someone to make a point.
4. A colleague of yours is constantly bragging about his great car, and everybody is sick of it. You would go up to him and politely tell him that he is getting in over his head.

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