

FUMC ESL 10-29-2015 Level 4 Lesson

Confusing Vocabulary-Choose the correct word.

Students work alone to do this exercise, then go through it with the whole group to check your answers.

1. I (raised/ rose) up the ranks of my company.
2. They (controlled / inspected) his passport on entering the country.
3. Have you decided (weather / whether) you would like to come?
4. Art (objection / criticism) is a very subjective matter.
5. The car tried to (overcome / overtake) the bus on the freeway.
6. You will just have to (except / accept) his decision.
7. Please (remember / remind) me to pick up some bread at the market.
8. Joanna (borrowed / lent) me 50 dollars until next Monday.
9. He is a very (sensible / sensitive) person. He always has time to listen to people's problems.
10. Hannah went to the library to (lend / borrow) the latest Stephen King novel.
11. Magda (assured / insured) us we had made a good decision.
12. Unfortunately, he made quite a serious (fault / mistake) while working on the plumbing.
13. Papa was a strict (authoritative / authoritarian) who demanded instant obedience.
14. I can't believe your neighbor had the (audacity / austerity) to call your father at 1 AM to tell him you were in his front yard.
15. Though many thought the painting was a fake, the tests proved it was (arbitrary / authentic).
16. My history professor wrote the most (autocratic / authoritative) account of the French Revolution.
17. Taking seventeen credit hours and working full time results in being (overextended / overdrawn).
18. The Marines prepared a (covert / overt) plan to rescue the hostages before the terrorists had time to move them to another location.
19. A child's need for consistent discipline cannot be (overpowered / overstated).
20. Unfortunately, the first troops in were quickly (overpowered / overshadowed) and the attack failed.
21. Ben was always (overshadowed / overqualified) by his older brother who was not only a good athlete, but also a scholar.
22. The president (overshadowed / overstepped) his authority when he issued executive orders to prevent citizens of seven countries from entering the country.

Assign parts and read these short conversations. Students try to figure out the meaning of the bold words. Teachers, try to let them figure out the meaning before helping.

A: Man, I'm **bushed**. What a day. Thanks for helping me replace the windows. Hey what happened to you? You're got blood on your shirt?

B: Yeah, I'm a little **banged up**. I fell off the ladder when I was trying to nail that last window in. I scraped my elbow and cut my hand.

C: Will you take that job if they offer it to you?

D: A **cushy** job like that with great pay and shorter hours, of course I will. That's a **no-brainer**.

E: I tried to argue with the judge that I shouldn't receive a fine for my traffic violation and he charged me with **contempt of court**. Now I have two fines to pay.

F: It sounds like you **jumped out of the frying pan and into the fire**.

G: Why did you **break up with** Louis?

H: He showed up two hours late for our date with some **cock and bull story** about having to rescue some girl. I didn't believe a word of it. That's the third time in two weeks that he's been really late. I don't know what's going on, but I'm **fed up**.

I: How was your **blind date** last night?

J: The guy was a little **dodgy**. He showed up in **ratty** clothes. He said he doesn't have a job right now and he's sleeping on the couch at a friend's house. I don't think I'll go out with him again.

K: According to the front page **headline**, Ron James decided not to run for mayor again. He says he's tired of **being in the public eye**.

L: With him **out of the running**, the election is really **up for grabs**.

M: I'm a real **basket case** right now. My father **passed away** last month and I'm the executor of his estate. He owned properties all over the state and has **interests** in several businesses. I don't know how I'll ever get his estate **sorted out**. And my brothers are **bugging** me to get it done so we can divide up the money. It seems like they're more interested in the money than in my father's passing. My brothers and I were always **close**, but now they're starting to **bicker** about who gets what.

N: I'm sorry to hear that. I was the executor of my parent's estate. It was a real **pain in the neck**. I understand your impatience with the family members. Fights over money are **par for the course** when someone dies with a lot of **assets**.

O: Joan was a wonderful singer but she's **past her prime** now. She used to sing in the hottest night clubs. Now she sings in nursing homes for the **geriatric set**.

P: We're all **getting along in years**. When we're **over the hill**, we'll probably be doing the same.

Fill in the blank with ANY or SOME.

1. You can ask _____ doctor. They'll tell you smoking will shorten your life span.
2. She went out with _____ guy that she met in class.
3. When would you like me to come? _____ time is fine.
4. I bought _____ bread, but they didn't have _____ butter.
5. I went with _____ friends to the mall and ran into _____ of my cousins.
6. We haven't had _____ rain this summer.
7. Do you have _____ pets?
8. _____ of the dogs are vicious.
9. Are _____ of them dangerous?
10. I'd like _____ cheese on my burger. And do you have _____ jalapenos?
11. It's easy to buy alcohol here. You can buy it in _____ grocery store.
12. The electrician checked all our outlets and didn't find _____ problems.

Notice: We use "any" in negatives and questions.

