

FUMC ESL 10-8-2018 ADVANCED LESSON

One of the students asked if we could do the discussion questions at the bottom of Thursday's lesson. Apparently neither of the advanced groups got to that part, so I'm including them again in this lesson.

List: (Teachers: make sure all students participate.)

- 1-things you can do with your eyes closed-
- 2-things you can come down with-
- 3-things you would like to get through with-
- 4-things you don't like, but have to live with-
- 5-someone you would like to make an appointment with-
- 6-one thing you will never put up with-
- 7-examples of things you do with a heavy heart-

TOEFL Vocabulary. Read the conversations and discuss the meanings of the underlined words or idioms.

Sara: Give my regards to your father. I will never forget his performance in King Lear. He brought down the house. There's never been a dramatic actor that could match him.

Tim: I will give him your regards. And thanks for the compliments. Of course, I enjoyed watching him perform, but I'm his son after all. It's nice to hear someone else pay tribute to him.

Sara: As I remember, your father got a standing ovation in every role he performed. The applause went on and on.

Tim: You're right. He was the toast of the town in his younger days. He even received plaudits from the governor. It was difficult to have dinner in a restaurant with him, as people were always coming by the table to congratulate him.

Sara: Was it hard for him to handle the adulation?

Tim: My father seemed to take everything in stride. He was devoted to his craft and appreciated the acclaim that came with being a star.

Beside each definition, write one of the words or phrases from the conversation above.

- _____ to say or do something that shows you admire someone a lot
- _____ a period of long applause with the audience on their feet
- _____ to accept difficulties with little effort
- _____ work hard to achieve perfection in your chosen field

Todd: I need to pay my respects to Mr. Smith before we leave. He is a man who never fails to help out a person in need.

Janet: I agree. His support of the scholarship fund was especially laudable in that it allowed several disadvantaged students to go to college who would never have been able to afford it.

Todd: He was fortunate to make a lot of money over the years. It seemed he had the Midas touch. Every investment he made proved profitable.

Janet: I think he had a few deals that didn't pan out, but overall he was extraordinarily successful.

Todd: And I respect that his business practices were always above board. He was never one to take advantage of someone. That is especially praiseworthy in today's dog eat dog world.

Janet: You know he received a commendation from the governor for his contributions to the Hurricane Relief Fund. I heard he gave over five million dollars. That's generous even for someone with his fortune.

Todd: He has received many accolades for his charity work.

_____ every thing he attempts succeeds (turns to gold)

_____ turn out well

_____ the opposite of under-handed

Jeff: One day I think I'll run for president.

Sam: Don't flatter yourself. You'll be lucky if you graduate from high school.

Jeff: Wow, that was cold-hearted. Thanks for the vote of confidence.

Sam: Jeff, you act like everything will come to you without you putting in any work. When is the last time you have done your math homework or turned in an English essay on time? I wouldn't ridicule you if you were actually trying to succeed, but you act as if you can drift through high school with no effort. Then you talk about becoming a doctor or running for president. That's a bit unrealistic don't you think. How can you expect to get into medical school or become a politician if you can't summon the effort to do a page of homework.

Jeff: It may be true that I don't work real hard, but you don't have to treat me with contempt. One of these days I may surprise you.

Sam: That'll be the day.

Questions:

1. Why does Jeff say Sam is cold-hearted?
2. When Jeff says, "Thanks for the vote of confidence" is he being sarcastic?
3. What does Sam mean when he says Jeff "drifts through school"?
4. Do you think Jeff's dreams of running for president are unrealistic? Is it possible Jeff is just a late bloomer?
5. What kind of student do you think Sam probably is?
6. What does Sam mean when he says, "That'll be the day"?

Discussion:

1. What is the best way to motivate lazy students?
2. Is it common these days for students to graduate from high school with no idea what they want to be or do?
3. Are there some students that are just not suited for college?
4. Should there be a different track in high school for those who are not cut out for college?