

FUMC ESL 3-10-2011 A Pink Slip?



Slip is used as a noun in two ways. A slip is a piece of women's underwear worn under a dress. It can also be a small piece of paper, as in: "Hand me a slip of paper to write down this phone number."

Slip can be used as a verb.

-If you slip, you accidentally slide and lose your balance. EX: I slipped on the ice and broke my hip.

-If something slips, it slides out of place. EX: The hammer slipped out of my hand and fell to the floor. His glasses slipped down on his nose.

-If you slip somewhere, you go there quickly and quietly. EX: Jack slipped into the room without anyone seeing him.

-If you slip something somewhere, you put it there quickly. EX: He slipped the coin into his pocket before I realized he had it. He slipped my husband the tickets while I was talking to his wife. The boy slipped his girlfriend a note as they were leaving the class.

-You can slip into or out of your clothes quickly. EX: I slipped on my robe before I answered the door.

-If you accidentally tell someone a secret, you slip. Sometimes we say we "**let it slip**". The noun form of this kind of mistake is called a "**slip of the tongue**".

Idioms:

If you **slip up**, you make a mistake. EX: I slipped up and let the dog out of the house.

If you get a **pink slip**, you are about to be fired. Unless of course, you buy women's underwear that is pink. That could also be a pink slip.

To **let something slip by** is to miss it. EX: I'm sorry I let your birthday slip by without mentioning it.

If something **slips through your fingers**, you barely miss it. EX: The police let the suspect slip through their fingers.

If you **give someone the slip**, you escape from someone who is looking for you. EX: A man followed me out of the store, but I gave him the slip by jumping into my car and driving away.

A **Freudian slip** is an error in speech that comes because of some thought in your subconscious.

Frequently this happens when you are thinking something that you shouldn't say, when a word accidentally slips out. For example: A man and woman are on a date. The woman asks the man, "Would you like some bread and butter?". The man answers, "Yes, I'd love some bed, I mean bread." We can guess that he was thinking of where he would like to be with the woman rather than about what he was eating.

If something **slips out**, usually we are talking about something we accidentally say. EX: I didn't mean to tell him about the party. It just slipped out.

Don't get slips confused with slippers. Slippers are soft shoes you wear around the house. Describe your slippers.

Discussion:

Demonstrate: slipping something into your pocket, slipping out of the room, letting your pen slip.

Describe a time you slipped and fell.

Did you ever slip notes to your friends while you were in class?

Did you ever slip a note to your girlfriend/boyfriend without the parents knowing?

Do you slip on comfortable clothes when you get home? Describe your comfortable clothes.

Have you ever made a Freudian slip? or a slip of the tongue?

When I was a girl my mother taught me that all nice girls wear slips under their dresses. I was never allowed to wear a dress without a slip. It was a form of modesty. Now, few people wear slips. What things did your mother tell you to do that you don't follow today?

Have you ever let something slip that you weren't supposed to tell?

Have you ever gotten a pink slip?

TOEFL Vocabulary

abet- to encourage or support. EX: Aiding and abetting the enemy is treason. Mom did not abet my idea of sky diving.

After a battle, medics from our military routinely give medical attention to the soldiers they have been fighting. Many people don't understand how we can try to save people that were just trying to kill us. What do you think about this? Do you think it is ever OK to abet an enemy? Is it ever OK to abet a criminal?

Would you abet your child if they decided they wanted to learn sky diving? Have your parents abetted you in risky activities they didn't approve of?

TOEFL Listening Exercise

1. On what do the speakers agree?

The sign has Mickey Mouse on it.

They do not believe the sign.

The course is very easy.

They did not register for the course.

2. What does the woman mean?

She does not want the man to come for her.

She thinks that the man is a bother.

She does not want to go to class.

She accepts the man's offer.

3. What does the man mean?

The man likes ice cream.

The man will tell the woman later whether he wants ice cream.

The man does not want to say whether he likes ice cream.

The man will get some ice cream for the woman.

4. What does the woman mean?

She is glad Joan is moving.

She does not believe that Joan will move.

She saw Joan move.

She believes Joan is moving because she saw her.

5. What does the man mean?

He is angry with the woman.

He wants to talk with the woman.

It was a bad day for the man

He does not know what day it is.