

FUMC ESL 1-30-2012 Advanced Lesson

I. Read the conversations aloud. Make sure you understand the meaning of all the conversation. Then answer the questions below each conversation.

Beth: Jo went to the urgent care clinic yesterday. She was coughing and her nose was stopped up. She was running a fever.

Sharon: Did they give her some medicine?

Beth: No, the nurse said to get bed rest, drink fluids and take Tylenol. They think she just has a cold.

Sharon: Did she follow their advice?

Beth: I don't know about the fluids and Tylenol, but she didn't get bed rest. She was back at work very early this morning.

1. Did Beth do as she was told?
2. Do you always take the physician's advice?
3. Should people go to the doctor if they have a mild illness?

Sara: Do you think I should get a flu shot?

Tom: I always get one. I believe in getting immunized for everything.

Sara: I'm just worried that getting the shot will give me the flu.

Tom: It's not supposed to work like that.

Sara: I know, but I think I'll just take my chances.

1. Is Sara going to get a flu shot?
2. Do you usually get a flu shot?
3. Do you believe in getting immunized?

Rob: I went to the ER at the hospital last week when I broke my finger. The bill was several hundred dollars and they didn't do anything but put a splint on it. I can't believe they charged me that much.

Jane: The hospitals always charge a lot. Did you have to wait a long time?

Rob: Yes, I waited over 2 hours before the doctor saw me.

Jane: Sometimes the urgent care clinics are quicker. And they are usually cheaper.

Rob: I'll go there next time. Or maybe, I'll just treat it myself.

1. What was Rob's experience with the emergency room?
2. What did Rob decide to do next time?
3. Do you think this is a good decision?
4. What is your experience with clinics and emergency rooms?

II. Phrasal verbs with "get"

1. If you "get it", you understand it. The instructor tried to explain the equation, but she couldn't get it.

2. If you "get around" you move or travel. In the US it is hard to get around without a car.

3. If you "get something across" to someone, you make them understand. I couldn't get it across to her that she had to switch buses downtown.

4. If you "get at" something, you succeed in reaching it. The goats stood on the barrel to get at the tasty leaves.

5. If something "gets out", it becomes known. Word got out that Jill was dating one of her students.

6. A "getaway" is a hurried escape. The burglars had a getaway car parked around the corner. They made a quick getaway after they broke into the house.

7. When things are “getting you down”, they are bothering you. You look sad. Are things getting you down?
8. A “get together” is when people meet. I’m having a get together at my house tomorrow. Can you come?
9. If you are “just getting by”, you are barely surviving financially. Since she lost her job, the couple is just getting by.
10. Something that “takes some getting used to” is unpleasant at first, but with time gets less bothersome. Raw oysters take some getting used to, but now I actually like them.
11. There is an expression, “When the going gets tough, the tough get going.” What do you think this means?
12. Someone who “gets religion” suddenly becomes very religious.
13. Someone who is “getting on in years” is becoming old.
14. If someone says, “Getting there is half the fun.”, they mean that the trip itself is one of the things that makes it enjoyable.
15. If you “get back at someone” you get revenge. My sister told our parents I snuck out last night. But I’ll get back at her. I’ll tell them she’s been secretly seeing a boy.

III. Decide which of the phrasal verbs below fit in the sentences.

get on
 get off
 get up
 get over
 get out
 get by
 get back
 get through
 get along
 get in
 get out of

1. She told him to _____ the couch and go to the store.
2. He didn’t mind doing the errand because he could _____ washing the dishes.
3. He _____ the bus and rode to the store.
4. When he _____ from the store, the dishes were done.
5. She told him she couldn’t _____ with all the housework without his help.
6. He hated housework, but he wanted to _____ with his sister.
7. He thought he could _____ with helping just a little.
8. After helping for a few minutes, he sat down and _____ to watching TV.
9. When his sister came in, he _____ and started sweeping.
10. His sister was so mad, she told him to _____ of the house.
11. She told him to stay away until she _____ with the housework.
12. He swept the front porch and the driveway. He raked the leaves in the yard. When she saw all he did, she _____ being mad at him.

IV. Discussion:

1. There is a saying, “Revenge is sweet.” Do you agree?
2. When you travel do you think that getting there is half the fun? Do you feel that way about airplane rides? What’s your preferred way to travel? Where have you been recently?
3. Is anything getting you down these days?