

**FUMC ESL 11-15-2012 Intermediate Lesson**

**On Monday we didn't finish the back page of the lesson, so I have reprinted it to finish today.**

**GRAMMAR-USING IRREGULAR VERBS**

**These sentences are written in the present tense. Change the verbs to the past tense. The first one is done for you.**

- broke                      ate
1. I break my tooth when I eat hard candy.
  2. I hold the little boy's hand as we walk across the street.
  3. Martha promises to help. I hope she means what she says.
  4. Artie blows out all the candles on his birthday cake and makes a wish.
  5. We quit eating fried foods and we feel better.
  6. Doug feels his pocket to see if his wallet is still there.
  7. A bee stings me on the hand when I work in the garden.
  8. Paul pays more for his cars than I spend for mine.
  9. Rita throws the ball high in the air and Brad catches it.
  10. I choose to go to the dance instead of to class.

**VOCABULARY-MEAN**

*Mean* is a word with many meanings. Here are a few.

purpose or intent	I mean to get to class on time, but I don't always do it.
definition	What does the word "conserve" mean?
to cause a result	This job promotion means I can afford to buy a new car.
nasty, selfish	That woman wouldn't help us. She was really mean.

If someone "means well" they have good intentions. Sometimes you use this to talk about people that don't always do the right thing even though they intend to.

Kathy: I hate it when Aunt Ruth comes to dinner on Sundays. She always criticizes what I wear.

Mother: I know Aunt Ruth is critical, but she means well. She wants you to learn to dress properly for dinner.

If someone says, "by all means", they mean certainly.

John: Could I borrow your gardening tools. I will return them later today.

Laura: By all means. Help yourself.

"By no means" means absolutely not.

Wife: Do you think I should return this dress? It was very expensive.

Husband: By no means! That dress looks terrific on you.

**Read these sentences and tell what they mean.**

He doesn't have a mean bone in his body.

We must live within our means.

Sorry I hurt your feelings. I meant no offense.

That boy keeps doing awful things. He has a real mean streak.

You must listen to your teacher when she tells you what to do. She really means business.

### **Thanksgiving:**

Next Thursday is Thanksgiving. Thanksgiving is always celebrated on the fourth Thursday of November. The first settlers to America in 1620 were called Pilgrims. They came to America looking for religious freedom. Over half of them died the first winter. The Indians helped them plant crops in the spring. By November of 1621 the Pilgrims had plenty of food from their crops. They had a big meal. They asked the Indians to come. They thanked God for being alive.

On Thanksgiving we eat Turkey and dressing. We eat sweet potatoes, mashed potatoes, green beans, cranberry sauce and lots of pie. At my house we have pumpkin pie and pecan pie. Families gather together and eat a big meal. Then everyone visits or watches the football games. It is a good time to be together.

1. Do you have a holiday like this in your country?

2. What are some of the things you are thankful for?

3. When the Pilgrims arrived in America, the Indians helped them build houses and plant crops. How did Americans help you when you arrived in America?