

FUMC ESL 1-14-2013 Advanced Lesson

On Thursday you told me you LOVED the American slang sayings. The teachers said it was a great lesson and everyone seemed to be laughing and having a great time. So, today, back by popular acclaim (teachers please explain this phrase) are more American Slang Sayings. But only 25 this time.

Students: read the saying, tell who would say it and under what circumstance:

1. psyched up or psyched out (they mean different things)
2. run-off after the recent rain or run-off after an election
3. puke
4. make a quick buck
5. it's a racket
6. a bad hair day
7. rap
8. red hot idea
9. rinky-dink (As in, how can I open this can with this rinky-dink little opener.)
10. road hog
11. on the rocks
12. rug rat
13. run off at the mouth
14. get sacked
15. scam
16. screw up
17. give it a shot
18. spuds
19. create a stink
20. straight answer
21. There's a sucker born every minute.
22. taking care of business
23. totaled my car
24. up for grabs
25. veg out

Because none of the teachers got to the paragraphs on Thursday's lesson, I've included them on this lesson.

Teachers: Choose one student to read the paragraph. Have them turn their paper over and tell the class what it said. Then have them read the paragraph to the class to see if they were correct. Then ask them to lead a discussion using the questions below the paragraph.

1. Adam is a bus driver who drives the morning shift from 5:30 AM to 2 PM. His route is busy with people commuting to work. Adam likes his job because he gets off early. He can be home when his kids get home from school. Adam is old enough to retire next year, but he thinks he might stay on. He likes his job and the money is good.

Questions:

Do you have a job you like?

Would you stay on past retirement age if you liked your job?

Is it important to have a job you like?

Would you take a job you didn't like if it paid a lot of money?

2. The Smiths went camping in Yellowstone National Park. They found a beautiful spot to camp. They set up their tent. Then Mr. Smith went to look for fire wood. When he returned, his wife and son were locked

inside the car. He wondered what was going on. Then he saw the bear. He ran back into the woods and climbed a tree.

Questions:

Do you enjoy camping?

Where have you camped?

Have you ever seen scary animals in the wild?

What would you have done if you were Mr. Smith?

3. Peter has a cold. His nose is running and he coughs a lot. He should stay home, but he has to be at work. The boss is on a business trip and he asked Peter to manage the office. There are five women working in the office. They do not like it that Peter is at work when he is sick. They are afraid they will catch his cold. They are giving Peter the cold shoulder. Peter feels bad, but doesn't know what else to do.

Questions:

If you were Peter, would you stay at work or go home?

Do you think the boss will understand if Peter doesn't go to work tomorrow?

4. The CDC (Center for Disease Control) released a report saying there was widespread flu activity in 47 states. They believe the epidemic is at its peak, but it was more severe than last year. A number of patients have required hospitalization due to breathing difficulties. Many young children have been reported ill with vomiting and muscle aches.

What is the CDC?

What does their report say?

Why have some been hospitalized?

What's wrong with the children?

Have you ever had the flu?

Did you get it this year?