

FUMC ESL 3-21-2013 Advanced Lesson

I. English is becoming the international language of business. But you wouldn't know it by these signs, reportedly spotted around the globe. Tell what makes these signs funny.

A Bangkok dry cleaner asks its customers to : "Drop your trousers here for best results."

A Norwegian cocktail lounge: "Ladies are requested not to have children in the bar."

In the window of a Barcelona travel agency: "Go Away"

A laundry in Rome: "Ladies, leave your clothes here and spend the afternoon having a good time."

Budapest Zoo: "Please do not feed the animals. If you have any suitable food, give it to the guards on duty."

A sign at a cemetery: "Persons are prohibited to pick flowers from any but their own graves."

Acapulco Hotel: The manager has personally passed all the water served here.

Restaurant Sign: "Open 7 days a week and weekends too."

Japanese department store: "Shoes for streetwalkers upstairs."

Doctor's office in Rome: "Specialist in Women and Other Diseases"

II. Choose the correct preposition. (Are there any with two correct answers?)

- 1.The car stopped and two women got _____. off down out
- 2.I never get letters. No one writes ____ at me for me to me
- 3.Tim left without ___ goodbye. say saying to say
- 4.Tina is very bad ___ writing letters. at on with for
- 5.Do you like traveling ___? with train by train in train
- 6.Tracy isn't at work. She is ___ vacation. on in for at
- 7.I climbed _____ the wall and into the yard. through across over
- 8.Where is Dennis in the picture? He is ___Bob. in the front of in front
from in front of
- 9.I'm staying _____ tonight. at home to home in home
- 10.There are a lot of blossoms ___ that rose bush. in on at
- 11.Write your name ___ the top of the page. at on in
12. OK then. I'll see you _____ Friday. in on at next

III. Match these "off" expressions with their definitions. Use the sentences at the bottom to help you figure out the meaning.

sell off	waste time
put off	fall asleep
pull off	manage, succeed
nod off	repel
kick off	the beginning of an event
goof off	to sell everything
hit it off	cancel
call off	become friends right away

- 1-The kick off for the governor's campaign is on Friday.
- 2-If we can pull off this deal, we'll all be rich.
- 3-The lecture was so long that I started to nod off.
- 4-My brother and your sister seemed to hit it off.
- 5-I was put off by her bad manners.
- 6-He called off the wedding when he discovered she had been married before.
- 7-We sold off all our stock while the market was high.
- 8-He goofs off at his job all the time. No wonder he doesn't get promoted.

IV. Discussion

- Who have you really hit it off with?
- Have you ever nodded off in class?
- Have you ever known anyone that called off their wedding?
- Are you bad about putting off chores?