

A. Take turns reading these funny sayings and explaining what they mean and why they are funny.

1. I still miss my ex. But my aim is getting better.
2. Sometimes I wake up grumpy. Other times I let him sleep.
3. A closed mouth gathers no feet. (Teachers: Discuss- "a rolling stone gathers no moss" and "open mouth, insert foot")
4. If ignorance is bliss, why aren't more people happy?
5. As I said before, I never repeat myself.
6. Raising teenagers is like nailing Jello to a tree.
7. Five out of four people have trouble with fractions.
8. I started out with nothing and still have most of it left.
9. I pretend to work. They pretend to pay me.
10. If I want to hear the pitter patter of little feet, I'll put shoes on my cat.
11. I have a degree in liberal arts. Do you want fries with that?
12. If you tell the truth, you don't have to remember anything.
13. Confidence is the feeling you have before you fully understand the situation.
14. Change is inevitable, except from a vending machine.
15. We live in a society where pizza gets to your house before the police.
16. When everything's coming your way, you're in the wrong lane.
17. People who think they know everything are a great annoyance to those of us who do.
18. A clear conscience is often the sign of a bad memory.
19. Happiness is having a large, loving, close-knit family in another city.
20. Experience is what you get when you didn't get what you wanted.

B. Discuss these unusual English vocabulary words and answer the questions.

- a. mortician: Is this a job you would want to do?
- b. pacifier: What pacifies you?
- c. scuttlebutt: How do you keep up with the gossip at home when you are so far away?
- d. takeout: Do you ever eat it?
- e. upscale: Do you live in an upscale area?
- f. cleats: Do you own any?
- g. boost: What boosts your spirits?
- h. booster seat: Do you ask for one in restaurants?
- i. savvy: Are you a savvy politician when it comes to family politics?
- j. nightstand: Do you have one by your bed?
- k. vibes: Have you met anyone who gave off bad vibes?
- l. taboo: What is taboo in your culture?
- m. weirdo: Do you know any?
- n. lollygag: Are you a person who lollygags around a lot?
- o. ornery: Sometimes all of us feel this way. When was the last time you felt ornery?
- p. sulk: Do you sulk when you are mad, or do you yell and scream?

C. Write a short paragraph on one of these subjects. Read it to the group. Teachers: make corrections if needed.

- Discuss someone who is a "hometown hero" in your town.
 The most difficult decision I ever made...
 I wish someone had told me...
 My wedding...