

FUMC ESL 11-21-2013 ADVANCED LESSON

Read these sentences and tell what they mean. Pay attention to underlined words.

1. I'm really beat today. I had to work four hours of overtime.
2. He doesn't have to work. His family is well-heeled. He's a trust fund baby.
3. I don't know if he will be elected, but he is the front-runner right now.
4. This election provides a clear cut choice between two different ideologies.
5. They hired a private eye to find out if he had a girlfriend on the side.
6. He was stealing small amounts of money on the sly.
7. I got a lucky break when I got this job. The guy I replaced had just quit the day I put in my application.
8. He says he is going to quit smoking, but I don't buy it.
9. The weatherman made a good call when he said we would get rain today.
10. I'm eating a low carb diet these days.
11. I'm going to put on my bathing suit and catch some rays.
12. I'll be so glad when I can sell this old clunker and get a new car.
13. She has a cushy desk job while I'm out here cutting grass in the heat.
14. It's usually dead downtown on Sunday night.
15. They chose to sue Exxon instead of the service station owner because Exxon has deep pockets.

Words that sound the same, but are spelled differently and have different meanings are called homonyms. Choose the correct word in these pairs of homonyms.

1. My mother wants to (die/dye) her hair now that it has turned gray.
2. I can't believe I (ate/eight) the whole cake!
3. The baseball player (through/threw) the ball to home plate.
4. Rotten eggs have a very (foul/fowl) smell.
5. My old cat finally (died/dyed) last week.
6. My (ate/eight) year old nephew is coming to stay with me for a week.
7. My dad has a farm where he raises pigs and (foul/fowl).
8. There should be (mower/more) to life than just work.
9. Andy (road/rode) his bike to school every day.
10. A (profit/prophet) is someone who can tell about the future.
11. The (rode/road) was slick after it rained.
12. A company must make a good (profit/prophet) to keep the stockholders happy.

Use your good imagination to finish these sentences. Then take turns reading them to the group.

1. It was the first snowfall of the year and
2. We came back every year to lay flowers at this spot because ...
3. He hadn't seen her since the day she...
4. She studied his face, but couldn't decide if...
5. She felt a slight touch on her shoulder and wheeled around. Standing close behind her was ...

6. He awoke to the sound of a footstep outside his door. He....

7. He hated speaking in public, but this time was different. He was actually excited to address the crowd because...

8. He should have listened to her when she told him...