

FUMC ESL 3-31-2014 Advanced Lesson

Grammar Practice: Choose the correct answer or answers.

I hear you're having your house repainted. How _____.

- a-does it feel
- b-does it look
- c-is it looking
- d-is it look

2.I bought this new dress today. How ____.

- a-is it looking
- b-is it look
- c-does it look
- d-does it looking

3. What are you doing with that yardstick? I _____ the kitchen.

- a-measured
- b-am measuring
- c-measure
- d-had measured

4. I measured the garden today. It _____ 10 by 20 feet.

- a-is measuring
- b-measured
- c-measures
- d-was measuring

5. Will the professor let you make up the exam you missed. I _____ it.

- a-doubted
- b-doubt
- c-have doubted
- d-am doubting

6. She might be at home tonight, but I wouldn't _____ on it.

- a-counting
- b-be counting
- c-have counted
- d-count

Speaking Practice: Choose a topic and speak to the group for a few minutes about the topic. Then answer questions from the group.

1. There are very few people in my life I can really count on for support. (agree or disagree)
2. I have many regrets about choices I have made in my life. (agree or disagree)
3. The best way to deal with regrets is (to address them and move on OR to forget about them).
4. The most adventurous thing I have ever done is _____. (tell about it)
5. Do you prefer modern or traditional design?
6. If you could only express yourself through the fine arts, what medium would you choose. (song, dance, playing an instrument, sculpting, painting, drawing, jewelry making, etc.)

Vocabulary Practice: Dead

1. *Dead* can be used as an adverb and usually means exactly, completely or very. Examples:

dead ahead: Watch out! There is a cow in the road dead ahead.

dead wrong: I am sorry. I was dead wrong to criticize you in front of your parents.

dead center: The arrow hit the target dead center.

dead sure: Don't accuse her unless you're dead sure (or dead certain) that she did it.

dead tired: I was dead tired after digging the garden and went straight to bed.

dead set: Mother is dead set against my traveling to the U.S. alone.

2. If your battery is *dead*, it _____.

3. If a surface is *dead*, it has no bounce. For example, if you bounce a ball on concrete or wood flooring, it bounces back very high. But if you bounce a ball on something soft, like foam, it doesn't. So that would be a dead surface. Name something that would be a dead surface.

4. A *dead zone* is an area where nothing lives. Give an explanation of how a dead zone could happen in the ocean.

5. If you are *dead in the water*, you are unsuccessful with little hope of future success.

6. If you are *dead to the world*, you are fast asleep or passed out so that you are not conscious of your surroundings.

7. If you are *dead on*, you are exactly right.

8. A *dead letter* is one that can't be delivered because of errors in the address.

9. *Dead weight* is a very heavy load. It is often used to talk about carrying a person who is unconscious. They are dead weight because they aren't able to help support themselves in your arms.

10. If you *leave someone for dead*, you abandon them because they will probably die shortly.

11. If something is *dead as a doornail*, it is undoubtedly dead. EX: I didn't water my plant and now it is dead as a doornail.

12. If the dentist *deadens your gums*, you have no feeling in them.

13. If you are *drop dead gorgeous*, you are so beautiful or handsome that people are in danger of dropping dead when they look at you. (joke) It just means extremely gorgeous.

14. The *dead of the night* is the middle of the night.

15. Before a performer goes on the stage, someone might say, "*Knock em dead, kid.*" It is a wish for a good performance.

16. If you *stop dead in your tracks*, you stop very suddenly because of fear or a strange noise.

Divide the class into three groups. Assign each group 7 of the idioms. Their task is to write a story which uses all seven of their idioms. Then read the stories to the class.

Group 1: dead ahead, dead wrong, dead center, dead sure, dead tired, dead set, dead battery

Group 2: dead surface, dead zone, dead in the water, dead to the world, dead on, dead letter, dead weight

Group 3: leave for dead, dead as a doornail, deaden, drop dead gorgeous, dead of the night, Knock em dead, dead in your tracks