

**FUMC ESL 5-8-2014    ADVANCED LESSON**

**Talk to your group for two or three minutes about one of these topics.**

- things that aren't fair
- things that aren't affordable
- finish this sentence: I'll never understand why some people...

**Choose the best phrase to finish these sentences.**

1. Dave is away at the moment. I don't know exactly when he's coming back, but... I'm sure he'll be back a-by the weekend.

- b-he isn't back soon.
- c-he'll be gone later.

2. I saw Steve at a concert on Friday night. He said he doesn't usually enjoy classical music, but...

- a-he didn't enjoy this one.
- b-he really enjoyed this concert.
- c-he couldn't see the orchestra from where he was sitting.

3. I'll be in London next week. I hope I get a chance to see Tim...

- a-during my visiting.
- b-if I'm there.
- c-while I'm there.

4. What's that sound? It sounds.....a baby crying.

- a-as if
- b-as though
- c-like

5. If you leave your bike unlocked, it...

- a-might be stolen.
- b-would be stolen.
- c-in case it is stolen.

6. These shoes are uncomfortable. I'm going to...

- a-take off them.
- b-take off.
- c-take them off.

7. You can always rely on Sara. She'll never...

- a-put you up.
- b-let you down.
- c-see you off.

8. Paul and Sara seemed very happy together. I'm surprised they have...

- a-split up
- b-c-broke it off.
- ended up.

9. I parked in a no-parking zone, but I...

- a-came up with it.
- b-got on with it.
- c-got away with it.

10. I couldn't sleep last night, ..... very tired.

- despite I was
- even though I was
- in spite I was

**Conversations. Read and explain in your own words, then answer the questions.**

Jo: My decision to stay in this job boils down to one thing...money!

Tim: You shouldn't stay in a job you hate just because you want to make a lot of money.

Jo: It's not a matter of getting rich. I have a large family to support. My father died when I was twelve and I have to help support my mom and four brothers. Two of my brothers are in college. So you can see, I need money.

Tim: It doesn't seem fair that you have to work so hard to support your family. You are young. You should be enjoying yourself.

Jo: It isn't fair, but it's the way things are.

Tim: I would be tempted to run away and let the family take care of itself.

Jo: Sometimes I am tempted, but I have a responsibility to take care of my family.

**Questions:**

1-When you say something "boils down to" something, you are saying that it is the basic cause of a more complicated situation or problem. For example you might say, "All of Andrew's problems boil down to his drug usage." Make a sentence with "boils down to".

2-What is something that seems unfair to you?

Bill: I came down with the flu last week.

Annette: Did you have to stay home from work?

Bill: I would have liked to stay home, but there was too much to do. I couldn't afford to miss work. So I just stuck it out.

Annette: I bet your co-workers weren't happy that you were at work with the flu.

Bill: I can't worry about my co-workers. I had a lot of work that had to be done.

Annette: I hope none of your co-workers come down with the flu this week. They might be very angry with you.

Bill: That's not my problem.

**Questions:**

1-Describe Bill's attitude towards his co-workers.

2-What does Bill mean when he says he "stuck it out".

3-Describe a time when you "stuck it out" even though you wanted to quit.

4-Do you think Bill was right or wrong to continue working with the flu?

5-What would you have done in the same situation?

Ben: I didn't get around to doing my taxes this year until April 14th.

Sal: That was cutting it close. Did you get them mailed on time.

Ben: I did, but I stayed up all night. I felt awful at work the next day.

Sal: Why did you wait so late?

Ben: Paying taxes is a pain and I dread doing it. I put it off to the last minute every year. It's becoming a bad habit. I guess I'm just a little lazy.

Sal: It sounds like you just hate parting with your hard earned money.

Ben: I guess that could be true. It is really hard to write that check and send it off to Uncle Sam.

**Questions:**

1-What are the things you never get around to doing?

2-What do you think "cutting it close" means in this conversation?

3-When Ben says, "Paying taxes is a pain" what does he mean.

4-Name something you dread.

5-Who is Uncle Sam?

6-Do you have a nickname for your government?

7-Are taxes too high or just about right in your country?

8-What kind of taxes are there in your country? sales tax, income tax, luxury tax, real estate tax, school tax

