

FUMC ESL 12-11-2014 Advanced Lesson

Group Discussion:

Read the stories below and define the underlined words. Discuss the questions with your group.

John and Edna have been married a long time. They love each other and get along well. But sometimes they get frustrated with each other. Edna loves to talk and tells great stories. Sometimes she exaggerates a little to make the story better. She is the life of the party and is always able to make people laugh. John is an engineer. He believes accuracy is very important. It annoys him when Edna exaggerates. To him, it is important to be accurate and truthful when telling a story. Sometimes he interrupts Edna's story to correct her facts. Edna gets very angry when this happens. She feels it ruins her story. She doesn't think it matters if every fact is exactly correct. She enjoys entertaining people with her stories and feels it is OK to exaggerate a little.

1. Who do you sympathize with the most?
2. What advice would you give this couple for getting along?
3. Have you ever had a similar problem in a relationship?
4. Do you think John's behavior is typical of engineers?

James and Gloria got married five years ago. James is from the U.S. and Gloria is from Mexico. Gloria was raised in a strict Roman Catholic family. She continues to go to Mass and celebrate the rituals and holidays of the church. James, on the other hand, was not raised in a religious family. He does not attend church with Gloria. He goes along with the religious holidays, but he doesn't really participate enthusiastically. This year, James and Gloria had their first child. Though they are very happy with their new little daughter, it has brought some stress into the marriage. Gloria wants to have little Elena christened in the church. She looks forward to taking Elena with her to Mass and having her participate in the life of her church. James is opposed to this. He thinks religion is just superstition and would prefer their daughter not be a part of any religion. Gloria also feels it is important that their daughter learn to speak Spanish. Half of her daughters relatives speak Spanish and she wants her daughter to be able to understand them when they visit from Mexico. James thinks that English is more important because their daughter will be raised in the U.S.. He does not agree with teaching their small daughter another language. He believes it will confuse her.

1. Who do you think is right?
2. What advice would you give to James and Gloria?
3. Have you ever had similar experiences or known anyone that did?
4. Do you think international marriages should be avoided?
5. Would you ever consider marrying someone that was not from your culture?

Charades:

Each number contains some rhyming words. Teachers, show a student a number between one and ten. Don't let the rest of the group see the number. Students, choose one of the words in your assigned list and act it out. Try to get the group to figure out your word. You may not speak. This game is called Charades.

- 1) command kickstand shorthand sun tanned hot dog stand
- 2) bait gate hate late straight
- 3) beer cheer deer fear spear

- 4) thigh deep-fry pigsty shy wise guy
- 5) fast food dog food rude nude feud
- 6) drop shop swap cough drop eavesdrop
- 7) dent scent tent descent discontent
- 8) aisle dial pile smile reptile
- 9) goodwill downhill oil spill treadmill windowsill
- 10) strut hut nut open and shut cigarette butt

When you finish the game, review the words so that you are sure of the meaning.