

FUMC ESL 1-12-2014 Advanced Lesson

Students take turns answering these questions.

1. If your lawyer tells you that you have an open and shut case, does he mean that it is really complex or straight forward without complications?
2. If someone is very arrogant and disdainful, are they haughty or naughty?
3. If your best girlfriend is chatty, is she probably very shy?
4. If you brother skedaddles, does he tell on you or does he disappear quickly?
5. If you overeat on a regular basis, do you look gaunt?
6. Is a shockwave the same as a tidal wave?
7. If you won \$5,000, would you go home and rant about it?
8. If the doctor is a quack, does that mean he likes to hunt ducks?
9. What's the difference between a stowaway and a throwaway?
10. If she rubs you the wrong way, do you like her?
11. If someone leaves you in the lurch, should you call a cab?
12. If you're all thumbs, can you still wear gloves?
13. My friend is a basket case when she has to speak to crowds. Do you think getting her a new basket would help?
14. If you're asked to bite the bullet, should you expect something bad to happen next?
15. If you are chomping at the bit to start your new job, does it mean you are eager and ready to start, or nervous and anxious about it?
16. If I tell you that you can buy something for a song, would you start singing?
17. If your friend let's the cat out of the bag, should you try to put it back in?

Ambiguous Sentences-Write all the meanings of these sentences. The first one is done for you.

1. We saw her duck.

We saw a duck that she owns.

We plan to cut her duck up with a saw.

We saw her bend down to avoid something.

2. He fed her cat food.

3. Look at the dog with one eye.

4. I saw a man on a hill with a telescope.

Verb Pairs- Read the words (teachers assist with pronunciation). These words sound similar, but have very different meanings. Read the sample sentences and explain in your own words the difference in meaning between the words.

1. correlate regulate

You can regulate the temperature with an automatic thermostat.

Poor health of many species of coral correlates with warming ocean temperatures.

2. collate emulate

Copy and collate the pages of the report, then bind it.

My son emulates my husband by playing with his toy tools.

3. isolate mandate

If the doctors can isolate the virus, they will be able to develop drugs to attack it.

The governor felt that his landslide victory gave him a mandate to pursue his agenda.

4. alienate vacillate

His mood vacillates between happiness at being given the opportunity to lead and fear that he will fail.

The extreme rhetoric of some congressmen alienates moderate voters from the political process.

5. translate speculate

He was fluent enough in English to translate written material, but had a difficult time speaking.

I can't speculate about what was on the criminal's mind at the time he fired his gun.