

FUMC ESL 2-12-2015 Advanced Lesson

List some things you:

- believe in
- are concerned about
- are looking forward to
- are confused about
- have a desire for
- have a hatred of
- have an interest in
- are afraid of
- have apologized for
- argue about

Vocabulary—Reach

+When someone reaches a place, they arrive there. EX: *He did not stop until he reached the base of the mountain. If we drive too slowly, we won't reach Austin until after dark. The rescuers reached the wounded boy just in time.*

+It can also mean moving your arm or hand to touch something. EX: *The policeman reached for his gun when he saw the criminal put his hand in his pocket.*

+Sometimes it can mean to stretch to touch something. EX: *Can you reach your toes with your fingertips?*

+Reach can mean “to contact” someone. EX: *I tried to reach Ben to tell him the restaurant was closed. Do you know how to reach help in case of emergency?*

+We speak of reaching a certain level. EX: *Her miniskirt barely reached her thighs. The rain gauge reached 5 inches after the hurricane. He has reached the pinnacle of his career.*

+When people reach an agreement, they succeed in achieving it. EX *The company is negotiating with the union in hopes of reaching an agreement.*

Idioms:

Reach for the sky is a command used in old cowboy movies. It means to put your hands up high where you can't reach your gun.

Reach for the sky can also mean to aspire to something great. EX: If you want your children to achieve great things, you must encourage them to reach for the sky. Another way to say this is “dream big”.

Within reach means something that is very close. EX: I've been exercising vigorously and I think my goal of running a marathon is within reach.

When you **reach an impasse** you arrive at a barrier that stops progress. EX When negotiations with the company reached an impasse, the union called a strike.

To **reach out** to someone means to make contact with them. EX I feel so sorry for the orphaned children. I reached out to them yesterday and offered to take them to a movie.

Discussion:

1-What goals do you hope to reach in the next year?

2-What are your lifetime goals?

3-What level of education have you reached? Would you like to pursue further education?

4-Are you easy to reach by phone? What is the easiest way to reach you?

5-How do you reach out to someone you know is suffering? What do you say to someone who needs comfort? Would you offer a hug to someone you didn't know well, if they needed comfort? Do women hug each other frequently in your culture? Do men?

6-When you travel for many hours, it feels so good to finally reach your destination. What is the first thing you do when you reach your destination?

7-Have you reached any major decisions lately?

8-Do you reach out a hand in greeting when you meet someone new? Is this common in your culture? Demonstrate how you would greet someone new in your culture.

9-Someone who is in reach is close enough you can touch them. Someone who is in reach of your voice is close enough they can hear you. My husband frequently starts talking to me when he is in another room. I can hear that he is talking, but I can't hear what he is saying. I wish he wouldn't do this because I have to get up and go into the room he is in to understand him. Does this ever happen to you?

10-You can say you reached your goals. You can also say you accomplished them, you achieved them or you realized them. These all have the same meaning. What do you view as a major achievement in your life.