

FUMC ESL 2-2-2015 Advanced Lesson

I. Numbers in Slang

goody two-shoes
seventh heaven
eighty six
dressed to the nines
zero in on it
third degree
from day one
grab forty winks
catch 22
days are numbered
three sheets to the wind
one up

1. If you focus your attention on something you _____.
2. If something happens right from the start, it happens _____.
3. A person who is a _____ is unbelievably good.
4. If someone interrogates you they give you the _____.
5. If you are in _____, you are very happy.
6. When you dress in very fancy clothing, you are _____.
7. If you are in a no-win situation it is a _____.
8. If you take a nap, you _____.
9. If you get rid of something, or kill it, you _____ it.
10. If you _____ someone, you get an advantage over someone.
11. If you are expected to die soon, your _____.
12. Someone who is _____ is drunk.

Another way to say from day one is “from the get-go” Have you ever heard this idiom?

II. Complete these sentences:

From day one in Austin, I felt _____.

I often grab forty winks _____.

I was in seventh heaven when _____.

I like to dress to the nines when I go _____.

III. Students: Read the conversations then explain what is being said in your own words. Ask about any words or phrases you don't understand.

Nancy: The children have been home all by themselves today because it was a school holiday, but I had to work. I know they are bored.

Pam: I am getting off now. I'd be happy to go by and take them to the park. Would that be OK?

Nancy: By all means. They would love it.

What do you do when you are all by yourself?

What ages would your children need to be for you to leave them home alone during the day?

Brenda: Most people work by day and sleep by night, but as a hospital nurse, I have the opposite schedule. It's really hard on my social life.

Sam: That must be difficult to get used to.

Brenda: Little by little, I am becoming accustomed to it.

Give an example of something you have become accustomed to. Give an example of something you could never become accustomed to.

Maggie: Will is generous by nature, but some people say he is generous to a fault. He has three kids of his own to take care of, but he sends several hundred dollars to his sister each month. Sometimes he has to eat peanut butter sandwiches because he can't even afford to buy a hamburger.

Jen: He always manages to get by. I think he wants to do right by his family.

Is it possible to be loyal to a fault? or patient to a fault?

IV Using Prepositions

Use the prepositions **beneath**, **beside**, **besides**, **between**, and **beyond** to fill in the blanks.

1. _____ her two children, she takes care of four neighborhood children.
2. _____ the two of us, we ate the whole pizza.
3. Who is coming to the party _____ Les and his wife?
4. He sat down _____ her and started a conversation.
5. I can't decide _____ chocolate and vanilla.
6. I'm a little shaky, but will be fine if you walk _____ me.
7. It was so cold that they huddled together _____ the blanket.
8. Pick a number _____ one and twenty.
9. The man was injured so badly in the accident, he was _____ help.
10. Now that she is rich and famous, she thinks her family is _____ her.
11. Lavaca St. is one street _____ Guadalupe St.
12. Why he behaves so badly is _____ comprehension.

V. About You

1. Have you ever been between jobs? Are you between jobs now?
2. Have you ever been between a rock and a hard place?
3. Buying a new _____ is beyond our means right now.
4. If I had to choose between ice cream flavors, I would choose _____.
5. I didn't expect my husband/wife to _____. That was beyond the call of duty.