

9-5-2013 FUMC ESL Advanced Lesson

Teachers: On this first day of class, let's find out some things about our students.
Ask each member of the group to answer each question.

1. Is this your first time to attend our classes?
2. Is this your first time to be in an advanced class?
3. How long have you lived in Austin?
4. Ask the students who have been here the longest what advice they would offer to the newer arrivals.
5. Discuss problem areas that they would like to talk about. For example, renting an apartment, setting up utilities, shopping, grocery stores, medical questions...
6. Are you working here, going to school or just visiting?
7. What is something you have learned about Austin since you arrived?
8. What have you been surprised about?

Confusing Vocabulary-choose the correct vocabulary word.

1. The (audience / spectators) applauded enthusiastically after the performance was finished.
2. I told my boss that I wanted a big (rise / raise).
3. I (raised / rose) up the ranks of my company.
4. The article's (title / headline) read "Countdown the Best School in Poland".
5. Could you give me the (receipt / recipe) for that wonderful dessert?
6. They (controlled / inspected) his passport on entering the country.
7. That painting by Picasso is (worthless / priceless).
8. Have you decided (weather / whether) you would like to come?
9. The political situation is (actually / currently) very unstable.
10. Art (objection / criticism) is a very subjective matter.
11. The car tried to (overcome / overtake) the bus on the freeway.
12. You will just have to (except / accept) his decision.
13. Could you give me some (advice / advise) on this problem?
14. Please (remember / remind) me to pick up some bread at the market.
15. Joanna (borrowed / lent) me 50 dollars until next Monday.
16. He (said / told) us about his trip to Africa.
17. His help with the contract was (invaluable / valueless).
18. He is a very (sensible / sensitive) person. He always has time to listen to people's problems.
19. Hannah went to the library to (lend / borrow) the latest Stephen King novel.
20. Magda (assured / insured) us we had made a good decision.
21. Unfortunately, he made quite a serious (fault / mistake) while working on the plumbing.

Assign parts and read these short conversations. Students try to figure out the meaning of the bold words. Teachers, try to let them figure out the meaning.

A: Man, I'm **bushed**. What a day. Hey what happened to you? You're got blood on your shirt?
B: Yeah, I'm a little **banged up**. I fell down the stairs taking the garbage out.

C: Will you take that job if they offer it to you?

D: A **cushy** job like that with great pay and shorter hours, of course I will. That's a **no brainer**.

E: I can't find Sherry. Have any idea where she is?

F: **Check** the pool. She said she wanted to **catch some rays**.

G: **Why did you** break up with Louis?

H: He showed up two hours late for our date with some **cock and bull story** about having to rescue some girl. I didn't believe a word of it. That's the third time in two weeks that he's been really late. I don't know what's going on, but I'm **fed up**.

I: How was your date last night?

J: The guy was a little **dodgy**. He showed up in **ratty** clothes. He said he doesn't have a job right now and he's sleeping on the couch at a friend's house.

K: According to the front page **headline**, Ron James decided not to run for mayor again. He says he's tired of **being in the public eye**.

L: With him **out of the running**, the election is really **up for grabs**.