## FUMC ESL 11-16-2015 Level 4 Lesson

## Match the idioms on the left with their meanings on the right.

| Can't judge a book by its cover       | This idiom means, to accomplish two different things at the same time.                       |
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| Cross that bridge when you come to it | Something good that isn't recognized at first.   |
| Cry over spilt milk                   | Avoiding the main topic. Not speaking directly about the issue.                              |
| Beat around the bush                  | An assertion that, despite one's approach seeming random, there actually is structure to it. |
| Cut corners                           | To take the credit for something someone else did.   |
| Blessing in disguise                  | when someone does not want to choose or make a decision                                      |
| Don't give up the day job             | Cannot judge something primarily on appearance.  |
| Give the benefit of the doubt         | When something is done badly to save money.  |
| Kill two birds with one stone         | When you complain about a loss from the past.  |
| Let sleeping dogs lie                 | Deal with a problem if and when it becomes necessary, not before.                            |
| Method to my madness                  | Happens very rarely.   |
| Once in a blue moon                   | to deceive someone into thinking well of them  |
| Put wool over other people's eyes     | do not disturb a situation as it is - since it would result in trouble or complications.     |
| Sit on the fence                      | Believe someone's statement, without proof.  |
| Steal someone's thunder               | You are not very good at something. You could definitely not do it professionally.           |

## Choose the more commonly used word in these expressions.

- 1. I accept your (apology-forgiveness).
- 2. He is in a bad mood-temper) because he has a headache.
- 3. He has a bad (mood-temper), so be careful you don't make him mad.
- 4. I'd like to call (attention-thought) to the chart on the wall.
- 5. He cast a (spell-vote) in the last election.
- 6. The witch cast a (spell-vote) on the princess.7. I caught a (whiff-glimpse) of gasoline when I opened the hood.
- 8. This is a dream come (true-stop).
- 9. It is common (language-knowledge) that more education translates into higher salaries.
- 10. I want to get an early (start-rise) tomorrow because I have a long drive.

## What do you do when you:

- 1. break the ice
- 2. keep in touch
- 3. catch someone's eye

- 4. break someone's heart
- 5. make time for someone
- 6. come to a decision
- 7. save your strength
- 8. pay a compliment to someone
- 9. gain access to something
- 10. give thought to something
- 11. impose sanctions
- 12. join forces with someone
- A. If you are in a room full of people you don't know, do you go into a corner and try not to be noticed?
- B. How many people from your high school days do you still keep in touch with?
- C. How did you first catch the eye of your spouse?
- D. How many hearts have you broken? How many times has your heart been broken?
- E. What would you like to gain access to?
- F. Who do you make time for?