

FUMC ESL 12-7-2015 Level 4 Lesson

Discuss the meaning of the underlined idioms. Explain the difference in meaning for these sentence pairs.

I missed the meeting. Can you fill me in on what happened?
I have to miss work next week. Can you fill in for me?

Mother really fell apart after Dad died.
I thought this project would be finished by now. Jim has really fallen down on the job.

Jeff has fallen in with a bad crowd. I fear he may get in trouble.
The sergeant ordered his men to fall in.

Business has really fallen off this quarter.
Things are finally falling into place.

I haven't seen Jim and Susan together for a while. They had a falling out.
Our plans for the weekend fell through.

The charity fell short of their goal of raising a million dollars.
The task of telling the employees we were closing fell to me.

Winning a new client for our advertising business is really a feather in my cap.
The money was supposed to be spent on helping the homeless, but instead was used to feather the nest of the commissioner.

I'm really fed up with all the corruption in government.
Jim really fed Susan a line when he told her he was a wealthy surgeon.

Anne felt a glow of contentment as she held her newborn.
Deb is still single and feels out of place when she is around all the new mothers.

Mother says if you don't know what to do, follow your heart.
My son appears to be following in the footsteps of his father.

The police followed up on her story and discovered she was lying.
Sarah never finishes anything. She makes a good start but has trouble following through.

We all went to dinner together and Dad footed the bill.
Our kids are all grown and married. My husband and I are footloose and fancy-free.

Match these definitions to the sentences above.

- A. without responsibilities or commitments
- B. insufficient or inadequate
- C. to fail
- D. to use your power to provide things for yourself
- E. to carry on the behavior or work of someone before you
- F. to have a good feeling

- G. to become involved with someone or some group
- H. become responsible for something
- I. a quarrel or disagreement
- J. inform someone, give them the details
- K. tell someone something that isn't completely true
- L. tired of dealing with something
- M. feel like you don't belong
- N. an honor or reward
- O. pay for something
- P. become correctly arranged or organized

Talk about:

A time when you felt out of place.

A time when you fell apart.

A time when everything fell into place.

A time when all your plans fell through.

A time when you fell down on the job.

SAYINGS

1. Do you think it's true that, "Familiarity breeds contempt"?
2. Is it true that "Nice guys finish last"?
3. Does this quote fit anyone you know? "He's a jack of all trades and master of none".
4. What is the meaning of, "A new broom sweeps clean."?
5. Does absence really make the heart grow fonder?
6. Do you practice the philosophy expressed in this quote? "All work and no play makes Jack a dull boy."
7. Are you "penny wise, but pound foolish"?
8. Do "chickens come home to roost"?
9. Do you agree that, "Blood is thicker than water."?
10. Do you "cry over spilled milk"?