

FUMC ESL 2-25-2016 Level 4 Lesson

Students, choose a speaking assignment and talk for 2 minutes on the subject. Use your cell phone to time yourself.

- A. Tell why your cell phone is the best.
- B. Talk about something that is popular now that really annoys you.
- C. Talk about the most useful thing you own.
- D. Talk about the person who had the biggest impact on who you became.
- E. Talk about your favorite season of the year.

Students, take turns reading the sentences and explaining the difference in the underlined words. If you can't figure out the answer, check out the answers at the end of the lesson.

- 1. The lawyer counseled us not to reply to the spurious accusations. We met with the City Council to get approval of our plan to build bike trails through the park.
- 2. The prisoner tried to devise a device with which he could unlock his cell.
- 3. Let me assure you that no one can break this lock and enter your apartment. I checked the lock to ensure that it could not be cut or broken. The insurance company will not insure your property unless you keep the doors locked at all times.
- 4. I like the author's style, because she doesn't belittle her characters, nor does she exalt them. She has every right to exult in the accomplishments of her children. We were exultant about her decision to live with us.
- 5. There was a sense of foreboding as the deadline drew near. Gotham City is a dark and forbidding place.
- 6. The incidence of violent incidents has significantly increased.
- 7. The old men were incredulous when the pilot turned out to be a woman. But they later admitted that she did an incredible job flying.
- 8. The wreck of the semi truck will wreak havoc on traffic on the interstate.

Fill in one of the underlined vocabulary words into these sentences.

- 1. Someone rapped on the door at midnight. We answered it with a sense of _____.
- 2. I _____ you, my dog would never bite anyone.
- 3. He designed a _____ that attaches to a water hose to prevent leaking.
- 4. The food bank is there to _____ that no one goes without food.
- 5. Antarctica is a _____ land during the winter.
- 6. I will _____ her not to try to take too many courses her freshman year.
- 7. You are _____ from going into the danger zone.
- 8. There was an _____ at my daughter's school that caused them to lock down.

Numbers in Slang

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

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.
13. If you ask each person to say the next number in turn, you _____.
14. If you feel safer when there are lots of people with you, you say there is _____.
15. The person who is your counterpart in another area of the business is your _____.
16. When you want some to compute something using math, you want a _____.

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

ANSWERS: Council is always a noun. It refers to an assembly of people brought together to discuss and deliberate. Counsel is usually a verb meaning to give advice.

Device is a noun meaning an instrument or tool. Devise is a verb which means to come up with an idea or a plan.

To assure someone is to tell them everything is OK. To ensure is to make certain, and to insure is to protect financially.

To exalt is to glorify while exult is to rejoice. Exalt is transitive which means it must have a direct object. You can't just “exalt” period. Exult cannot take a direct object. So you can't “exult” someone, you just exult. The most common use of this word is the adjective, “exultant”.

Forbidden means hostile or unfriendly. Foreboding means the feeling that something bad is going to happen.

Incidence and incidents refers to the same thing. But incidence can never be plural. You talk of the incidence of something.

Incredible means difficult to believe. Incredulous means unwilling or unable to believe. They are both adjectives.

Respectively means in the order given. Respectfully means with respect.

Wreak means to bring amount or bring on. A common expression is wreak havoc, which means to bring havoc. Wreck is a damaged car or ship.

