

FUMC ESL 3-31-2016 Level 4 Lesson

VOCABULARY

In English, many words come from a common root word. Studying these word families can be a quick way to enhance your vocabulary.

moment (noun) a very short period of time. EX: Can you wait here for a moment? At that moment, Sara entered. Brazilian food is very popular at the moment. Jan finally had her big moment on stage.

momentarily (adverb)- for a very short time. EX: The car slowed down momentarily, then sped off.

momentary (adjective) -continuing for a very short time EX: There was a momentary silence, then the theatre erupted in applause.

NOTE the difference between momentarily and momentary is that one is an adverb that will tell something about the verb and the other is an adjective which will tell something about a noun.

momentous (adjective) - a very important event EX: The momentous events of 9-11 are burned into our memories.

momentum (noun)- the ability to keep increasing. EX: Cellular phone use has gathered momentum since its introduction so that almost everyone now owns at least one.

Put the right form of the word in these sentences.

1. The twenty-first century has seen _____ changes in technology.
2. There was a _____ pause in the battle as each side re-loaded their weapons.
3. In 1066, the French achieved a _____ victory at the Battle of Hastings.
4. He was _____ struck speechless until he gathered his wits and answered the question.
5. Using her _____, she grabbed the top of the gate and vaulted over it.
6. In that _____, she knew she had lost the chess match.

A. If you “live for the moment”, you enjoy the present and don’t think about the future. Are you a person who mainly lives for the moment, or are you a person who spends a lot of time planning for your future?

B. The “moment of truth” is the point at which someone has to face the reality of the situation. EX: Perhaps you get married thinking everything is going to be wonderful. You plan a beautiful wedding, all the family is there. The moment of truth comes when everyone has gone home and you realize you have to live the rest of your life with the person you have married.

Another example: You have attended lectures, taken notes and studied throughout the semester. The moment of truth comes when you take your final exam. You will find out if you did enough to get a good grade.

Give an example of a moment of truth you have faced in your life.

Idioms: Read the sentence and tell from the context what the underlined idiom means.

1-I was walking to work today thinking about how I would ask my boss for a promotion when a blackbird suddenly landed on my shoulder. Do you think that was a good omen or a bad omen?

2-There is a saying, "A tiger doesn't change his stripes." Read this conversation to figure out what it means.

Ben: I know Jon has always been a hot-tempered bully, but I hope once he marries my sister, he will calm down and be more patient and understanding.

Ed: You know, Ben, a tiger doesn't change his stripes.

What kind of behavior do you think Ed expects from Jon?

3-Some of our political candidates have resorted to tacky comments and cheap shots instead of debating the issues seriously.

4-I paid all of our debts so we can start the new year with a clean slate. Hopefully we'll do better this year with sticking to our budget.

5-Her condo was elegantly decorated with shelves full of coffee table books. I didn't see any indication of books that actually required reading.

6-I accidentally left my flash drive with today's presentation on the bus. But fortunately, a woman saw it on the seat and called me back before I got off. That was a close shave.

7-We must all come to grips with this new age of terrorism. It appears it will become more and more normal.

8-I went back to the house and checked to make sure all the doors were locked. I knew they were, but Martha was worried she had left the back door unlocked when she put the dog out. So to put her mind at ease, I double-checked all the doors.

9-Tim was shattered when he lost the election, but he put on a brave face for the media and his supporters.

Match the definitions below with the idioms above.

a narrow escape	a fundamental shift in behavior	act confident in a difficult situation
a sign of good or bad luck	deal with a challenging problem	an unfair or unsporting remark or action
a new start with no concerns about the past	large, expensive book with lots of pictures used for decoration	cause someone to stop worrying