

## FUMC ESL 5-9-2016 LEVEL 4 LESSON

### READ AND DISCUSS

#### ***Words About Numbers: Two Heads Are Better Than One***

Some problems are difficult to solve. But there are a lot of number expressions that can help. For example, if we **put two and two together**, we might come up with the right answer. We know that **two heads are better than one**. It is always better to work with another person to solve a problem.

Sometimes there are **no two ways about it**. Some problems have only one solution. You cannot be **of two minds** over this.

But with any luck, we could solve the problem in **two shakes of a lamb's tail**. We could have our answers quickly and easily.

Sometimes we can **kill two birds with one stone**. That is, we can complete two goals with only one effort or action. But we must remember that **two wrongs don't make a right**. If someone does something bad to you, you should not do the same to him.

If you are going out with your girlfriend, or boyfriend, you do not want another friend to go along on your date. You can just say to your friend: **two's company, three's a crowd**.

When I was a young child in school, I had to learn the three R's. These important skills are reading, writing and arithmetic. These three words do not all start with the letter "R." But they have the sound of "R." My teachers used to give **three cheers** when I did well in math. They gave praise and approval for a job well done.

Some of my friends were confused and did not understand their schoolwork. They were **at sixes and sevens**. In fact, they did not care if they finished high school. They saw little difference between the two choices. **Six of one, half a dozen the other** – that was their position. But they were really happy when they completed their studies and graduated from high school. They were in **seventh heaven**. They were on **cloud nine**.

**Nine times out of ten**, students who do well in school find good jobs. Some work in an office doing the same things every day at **nine-to-five jobs**. You do not have to **dress to the nines**, or wear your best clothes, for this kind of work.

Last year, one of my friends applied for a better job at her office. I did not think she would get it. I thought she had a **hundred to one shot** at the job. Other people at her office thought her chances were **a million to one**. One reason was that she had been caught catching **forty winks** at the office. She slept at her desk for short periods during the day. But her supervisor appointed her to

the new job **at the eleventh hour** -- at the very last minute. I guess her **lucky number came up**.

### Expressions with ONE:

1. Describe something that would be a “once in a lifetime” opportunity for you.
2. Tell something you do “once in a blue moon”.
3. If someone is obsessed with a particular thing, we say they have a “one-track mind”. What would your friends say you had a one-track mind about?
4. If you are at a bar and a friend suggests you have “one for the road”, what do you think he wants you to do?

### GENERAL DISCUSSION

1-In your country, how important is it to “have a foot in the door” in order to get a good job?

2-What part of your job are you most gung ho about? What part do you dislike the most?

3-A media feeding frenzy is a situation which gets intense media attention. For example, the trial of O.J. Simpson was definitely a media feeding frenzy. Do you have this phenomenon in your country? What are some examples of things that have turned into media feeding frenzies in our country or this one?

4-How much time do you spend caring for your hair each day? How often do you visit a hair salon? Have you ever colored your hair unusual colors (like pink, purple or orange)?

5-Are you a person who likes to check and double check the luggage before you start on a trip? What is something you ALWAYS take with you when you travel?

6-How often do you get food to go? What type of food do you usually get “to go”?

7-What makes someone beautiful? Do men and women have different ideas of what a beautiful woman looks like?

8-A friend has challenged herself to climb all the 14,000 foot peaks in Colorado. Have you ever set a challenge like that for yourself? For example, visiting over 100 countries, learning to speak an additional language (not including English and your native language), learning to play a musical instrument?

9-Austin is known for having a very active musical scene. What is your home city known for?

10-Do you think the day will come when we will all work from our homes?

11-Have you ever read a book that changed your life?

12-Has living in a foreign country changed you? How?