

FUMC ESL 6-2-2016 Level 3 Lesson

Conversation Practice: A man enters an English class. The teacher introduces herself.

Woman: Hello, I'm Bobbi Sue. What's your name?

Man: My name is Eduardo Mario Hernandez.

Woman: What name do you go by?

Man: Just call me Ed.

Woman: It's nice to meet you, Ed. Welcome to our class.

1. What is the man's full name?
2. What is the name he goes by? Some people have "nicknames". A nickname is often a shorter form of your actual name. For example, my name is Catherine. But I go by Cathy. Cathy is my nickname.
3. Introduce yourself to the students on each side of you.
4. Tell your full name and your nickname.

The conversation continues.

Woman: Where are you from Ed?

Man: I am from Colombia. I live here in the United States now.

Woman: How long have you been here?

Man: I moved here six weeks ago.

Woman: That's not very long. How are you getting along in the U.S.?

Man: Not very well. My English is not good. I need help with my English.

Woman: You have come to the right place, Ed. Welcome to our English class.

1. Where is Ed from?
2. How long has he been in the U.S.?
3. How is Ed getting along?
4. Why is Ed having a hard time.
5. Why does the woman say, "You have come to the right place?"
6. Americans will always ask, "Where are you from?" We ask because we are curious. Americans like people. We often speak to strangers. It is just a way to be friendly.

The woman questions the new student.

Woman: We have four levels of classes. We have intermediate and advanced. Which class would you like to join?

Man: I need the beginner class.

Woman: The beginner class is our Level One class. But I think you could do a higher level class. Your English sounds pretty good.

Man: I don't feel like my English is good. I have a hard time making people understand me.

Woman: I think you should try an intermediate level class like Level 2 or Level 3. If it is too hard, you can move to the Level 1 class.

Man: OK. I will try it.

1. How many levels of classes do they have?
2. What type of class does Ed want?
3. What class will Ed try?

The woman introduces Ed.

Woman: Let me introduce you to Olivia. Olivia is from Mexico. She speaks Spanish. She can help you understand the teacher.

Man: Hello, Olivia. Nice to meet you.

Woman: Pick up a book. Grab a lesson from the table. The class meets in the room across the hall.

Man: Thank you. I will go at once.

Who does the woman introduce Ed to?
What does the woman tell Ed to do?

Ed joins the class

Ed: Hello. My name is Ed. May I join this class?

Teacher: Hello, Ed. Is this your first time to come to English classes?

Ed: Yes. I don't speak much English. I will try to learn English in your class.

Teacher: That's fine. Sit over there. Pull your chair into the circle. Open your book to page 200. Read the paragraph at the top of the page. Point to the picture of the car.

Is this Ed's first time in class?
Where does the teacher tell Ed to sit?
What does the teacher tell Ed to do?

Use one of these verbs to fill in the blank in these sentences:

come	join	sit	meet	understand
introduce	start	need	try	speak

1. Let me _____ you to my friend, Sam.
2. Can you _____ to class on Thursday?
3. I don't _____ English very well.
4. When does the class _____.
5. I like to _____ new people.
6. My son _____ to study English.
7. May I _____ this class?
8. I _____ four languages.
9. May I _____ next to you.
10. Yesterday, I _____ a man that knows my brother.
11. Come _____ us.
12. Do you _____ this sentence?
13. Classes _____ next Monday.
14. I will _____ to study hard.
15. _____ me to your friend.
16. Please _____ down.
17. Can you _____ slowly, please.
18. I have not _____ your sister.
19. We _____ to class last Thursday.
20. I cannot _____ this class because I work on Mondays.

Divide into groups of 3 and talk together about these questions.

1. What is the most difficult thing about English? Is it grammar, vocabulary, pronunciation, understanding idioms, the speed of American English?
2. Is it hard to meet friends here? Are most of your friends people who speak your language or are they Americans?
3. How do you practice your English? Do you read English? Do you watch American TV? Do you engage others in conversations? Do you go to English classes?
4. Tell stories about problems you have had with English since arriving here.
5. How long do you plan to stay in this country? Would you like to live here permanently?