

FUMC ESL 2-9-2017 High Intermediate Lesson

Pronunciation: Practice saying these sentences fast.

1. Bit by bit we will make it fit.
2. The soap is in my boat.
3. Does Ross floss?
4. She sells seashells.
5. My sister's sixth sheep ran away.
6. A bit of butter will make my batter better.
7. Ed had edited it.
8. Please pay promptly.
9. She sells cedar shingles.
10. A skunk sat on a stump.

Put the correct verb tense in the blank:

1. This year, I begin school in September. Last year school _____ in August.
2. I drink lots of water after running. Yesterday, I _____ a whole gallon.
3. I wear this dress to church on Sundays. My sister _____ it while I was sick.
4. Joe sleeps in math class. Yesterday, he _____ through the exam.
5. My son loves to hide. He _____ for two hours this morning.
6. Did you forget your umbrella? No, but I _____ my raincoat.
7. Can I keep my luggage under my seat? I _____ it there last time I flew this airline.
8. Show me how to open this lock. I _____ Jim how to do it.
9. Joe wakes up at 8. Yesterday, he _____ up at 7.
10. I usually win medals in swimming. Last time, I _____ a medal in diving as well.

Correct the errors:

1. What you were doing at noon yesterday? (word order)
2. In 1994, we living in Japan. (missing verb)
3. Yesterday was beautiful. The birds singing and the sun shining. (missing verbs)
4. Today she wearing a skirt, but yesterday she were wearing pants. (missing verb, wrong tense)
5. It isn't rain now. (wrong tense)
6. What were you do at 2 PM on Friday? (wrong tense)
7. What you did do yesterday morning? (word order)
8. Lucy and Bill was waiting at the bus stop. (wrong tense)
9. What were you doing when the phone ringing? (wrong tense)
10. I was watch television. (wrong tense)
11. How fast you driving when the policeman stop you? (missing verb)
12. How you break the window? (missing verb)
13. The baseball the window. (missing verb)
14. Tracy was studied when we got there. (wrong tense)
15. Do you see Jim last night? (wrong tense)
16. The children I can't find. (word order)
17. She composed for you a poem. (word order)

18. They about the noise complained. (word order)

Using Idioms: Read the definition and example, then answer the question in your group. Ask others in the group to answer.

+wrong side of the tracks--*poor part of town* EX: *Jason has a hard time making friends at the new school because he is from the wrong side of the tracks.*
Were you born on the "wrong side of the tracks"?

+work wonders--*surprisingly beneficial* EX: *This brand of aspirin works wonders for headaches.*
What is one medicine that works wonders for you?

+word to the wise--*a good piece of advice* EX: *Here is a word to the wise. Get to the appointment early because you will have to fill out lots of paperwork.*
Give us a "word to the wise".

+word for word--*in the exact words* EX: *I memorized the speech word for word. EX I can't recall what she said word for word.*
When you were in school, did you have to memorize a lot of things word for word?

+word by word--*one word at a time* EX: *The lawyer examined the contract word by word. EX: The small child read the story word by word.*

+man of few words--*a man who speaks only when necessary* EX: *Mr. Minton was a man of few words. But when he talked, everyone listened.*
Are you a man or woman of few words, or do you like to talk a lot?

+at a loss for words--*when you cannot think of anything to say, usually because you are surprised* EX: *When my son told me he was going to marry a woman ten years older, I was at a loss for words.*
Talk about a time when you were at a loss for words.

+by word of mouth--*information you hear from other people* EX: *Students know about our classes by word of mouth. Our students tell their friends who tell their friends. That is the way our classes grow.*
What is something you know about by word of mouth?

Discuss in your group:

1. Did you learn of this class by word of mouth? Who told you about the class? Have you told your friends about our class?

2. There is an old saying, "Actions speak louder than words." What does this mean? Do you have a saying like this in your language. Teach the group members the saying in your language.

3. What would you do if someone used "dirty words" around you? What would you do if your children used "dirty words"? If an adult used "dirty words" around your kids, what would you do?