

FUMC ESL 6-26-2017 ADVANCED LESSON

Read these idioms. Take a guess at the meaning. Then try to match them with the definitions below.

What do you do when you:

- 1) swallow your pride-
- 2) look like the cat that swallowed the canary-
- 3) blow the whistle on someone (become a whistle blower)-
- 4) wet your whistle-
- 5) have it made in the shade-
- 6) give someone the brush-off-
- 7) brush up on your English grammar-
- 8) have a brush with death-
- 9) go over something with a fine toothed comb-
- 10) bite someone's head off-
- 11) bite the bullet-
- 12) beat someone to the punch-
- 13) forget the punchline of a joke-
- 14) kiss and tell-
- 15) join forces with someone else-
- 16) force a smile-
- 17) grin and bear it-
- 18) add insult to injury-
- 19) grease the palm of the waiter to get a good table-
- 20) order a car with all the bells and whistles-

21) blow things out of proportion-

#### DEFINITIONS

- a- overreact
- b- bribe someone
- c- endure something unpleasant with good humor
- d- to make yourself smile when you don't really want to
- e- tell about your sexual exploits
- f- to do something before someone else has a chance to do it
- g- speak very angrily
- h- almost dying
- i- to treat someone as if they are unimportant
- j- have a drink
- l- to hide guilt behind mask of smugness
- m- do something you are embarrassed to do
- n- tell on someone
- o- being in a good situation
- p- improve your knowledge of something you already know something about
- q- a very thorough search or analysis
- r- do something unpleasant that you have been putting off
- s- the final sentence of a joke
- t- work together with someone else
- u- make a bad situation worse
- v- additional features that make a luxury model

#### DISCUSS:

1. Have you ever had a brush with death?
2. Ever had to swallow your pride and apologize?
3. Have you ever greased the palm of a waiter to get a good table or move up on the waiting list? Is this an unethical act? How common is greasing the palm in your country?