FUMCESL 6-8-2017 High Intermediate Lesson

Study the idioms and their definitions. Then work with a partner to write a sentence using the underlined idiom.

1-Needless to say, I should have studied more.
Definition: it is so obvious that it doesn't need to be said

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2-The dinner was average, to say the least.
Definition: to imply the situation was much worse than you are saying

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3-Only the men have a say in making the laws in some countries. I'd like to have a say in the final decision.
Definition: be allowed to make a decision

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4-Ben and Jack talked shop all night. We girls were really bored. Don't talk shop at a party.
Definition: to talk about business or work at a social event

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5-Aunt Betty will talk your ear off. I'm afraid I talked your ear off.
Definition: to talk a lot

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6-You two talk it over and make your decision. We talked it over and decided to buy the used car.
Definition: discuss together

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7-Mother talked us out of coming home this year. We talked the teacher out of punishing the kids.
Definition: convince not to do something

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8-You won't be able to talk your way out of this situation, Jack. This time you may actually go to jail. Jack can always talk his way out of a bad situation.
Definition: to convince people that you shouldn't suffer any consequences for your behavior

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9-You can't believe anything Peter says. He talks out of both sides of his mouth.
Definition: Saying different things to different people.

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10-Charlie has the gift of gab. We put him at a table where he didn't know anyone. By the time the dinner was over, everyone thought Charlie was the greatest guy they'd ever met. He won them all over.
Definition: the ability to speak fluently in an interesting way with almost anyone.

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DISCUSS:

1. What kinds of things do you usually talk over with your spouse before making a decision?
2. As a kid were you able to talk your way out of trouble?
3. In your country is it common for only the men to have a say in family decision making?
4. Which of these topics would you enjoy talking about: literature music movie stars fashion science politics
5. How do conversations between two men or two women differ? Do you talk differently in a mixed group than when you are together with just women, or in the case of men, just men?

GRAMMAR TEST: Choose the correct phrase in these sentences.

1-He probably thinks we have already (ate, eaten).
2-He must realize we haven't (ate, eaten)
3-I have been to England (four years ago, four times).
4-I read a book and then (I was going, I went) to sleep.
5-My daughter has been cutting (the meat, her hand).
6-I think the waiter (has forgotten, is forgetting) us. We have waited for our dinner for over an hour.
7-How long will you (be, been) in Canada?
8-Jim (worked, has worked) for the government since he graduated from college.