

FUMC ESL 9-28-2017 High Intermediate Lesson

Read these short paragraphs and answer the questions. Ask the teacher about any words or phrases you don't understand. Tell the meaning of the underlined words.

BUYING A USED CAR

Jeff is trying to buy a used car. He is at a dealership and is negotiating with a car salesman. He can afford to put \$1,200 down on a car and pay up to \$275 per month. The car salesman said Jeff needs to put more money down on the car if he wants the payments under \$300. The asking price for the car is \$8,500. This includes a ninety-day warranty. Jeff told the salesman that he can't afford to put more money down and he can't afford higher payments. He needs to keep some money to cover the cost of car insurance. A friend at work is selling a similar car, but it doesn't come with a warranty.

True or False

1. Jeff is talking to his friend at work.
2. Dealerships sell cars.
3. Jeff can afford \$275 per month in car payments.
4. Ninety days is about three months.
5. Jeff will also need to pay for car insurance.

Do you agree or disagree with these statements?

1. It's better to buy a new car than a used car.
2. Jeff should tell the car salesman he doesn't want the car at that price and leave.
3. The salesman will probably lower the price if Jeff tries to leave.
4. The sales manager can probably offer a lower price than the salesman.
5. I never negotiate when I buy a car. I pay what the salesman asks.

COMMUNITY COLLEGE

Anita saved \$975 for community college tuition and other expenses, but now she is confused. Her older sister is going to Hawaii next month, and she wants Anita to go with her. They can get a discount on a hotel room and share the costs of renting a car. Anita knows college is important, but she wants to visit Hawaii. The problem is she can't afford both. If she goes to Hawaii, she won't have enough money for college. It will take her a year to save enough money for tuition. Anita wants to be a nurse someday and work in a hospital. She doesn't know what to do. She has to make a difficult decision.

True or False

1. Anita saved money for college.
2. Her sister is going to Hawaii next year.
3. Anita works in a hospital.
4. Colleges charge tuition.
5. Anita and her sister can get a discount on a hotel room.

Do you agree or disagree?

1. Anita should use her money for college instead of vacation.
2. Anita's sister is a "bad influence".
3. Community college is a waste of time. Anita should go to a four year college.
4. I wish I had traveled more when I was young instead of worrying about finishing college.

CRIMES AROUND TOWN

Frank was in a good mood when he woke up this morning. He showered, shaved, got dressed for work, and ate breakfast. When he opened his front door to go to work, he was surprised. His car was on concrete blocks and all four tires were missing. A neighbor saw his car and came out to talk to him. Frank asked his neighbor if he saw anything suspicious. The neighbor said no. Frank went back into the house and called the police. They sent an officer to take a report and investigate the crime. Frank's neighbor gave him a ride to work.

True or False

1. Frank woke up in a bad mood.
2. Police officers investigate crimes.
3. All of the tires on the car were stolen.
4. Frank's neighbor is helpful.
5. Frank took the day off from work.

Do you agree or disagree?

1. You shouldn't bother reporting crimes to the police because they probably won't catch anyone anyway.
2. I live in a high crime area.
3. There is more crime in the U.S. than in my country.
4. I have had something stolen since I arrived here.
5. I am always afraid when I am home alone.
6. I worry about crime a lot.

Discuss in your group:

- 1-What is the difference between "in the mood" and "in a bad mood"?
- 2-There is a saying, "Crime doesn't pay." Do you agree that crime doesn't pay?
- 3-If you steal something, you take something that is not yours. Read these idioms and definitions and tell when you might use them.

steal someone's thunder-do something that takes attention from what someone else has done

EX: I kept quiet about my pregnancy because Cathy was getting married, and I didn't want to steal her thunder.

steal a glance-sneak a peek at someone (take a quick look)

EX: Karen stole a glance at her watch and yawned.

steal someone's heart-capture someone's affection

EX: John stole my heart the first time I met him when he offered to walk me to my car so I would be safe.