

## FUMC ESL 11-2-2017 ADVANCED LESSON

### Discussing body part idioms:

1. THUMB THROUGH: If you thumb through a catalog or magazine, you look through it quickly. EX: I thumbed through the catalog to see if they had any black dresses. What is the difference between a catalog and a magazine?

Do you get a lot of catalogs in the mail?

Do you ever order any thing from a catalog?

What are your favorite catalogs?

In your country, is it common for people to order clothes from catalogs?

What magazines do you enjoy reading? Do you thumb through them or actually read them?

2. PICK YOUR BRAINS: If you pick someone's brains, you question them. You usually pick the brains of someone more informed than you are on a particular subject.

Example: Can I pick your brains for a minute, I'm having trouble with my computer. I just can't quite figure out what the problem is.

You could pick my brains about history or art, but don't pick my brain about math. I'm horrible at math.

If I were to pick your brains about something, what would it be? In other words, what is a topic you know a lot about?

3. BRAIN DRAIN: Some countries are experiencing a brain drain. The most intelligent people are moving away to other countries where the economic opportunities are greater.

Has your country ever experienced a brain drain? Or has your country benefitted from a brain drain somewhere else?

What is the effect of a brain drain on a country?

4. NOSING AROUND: If you look through someone's things stealthily in hopes of finding information, you nose around. Example: The police were nosing around her apartment earlier. I wonder if they found anything.

Someone who likes to nose around is called nosey. A nosey person might ask you a lot of questions trying to find out things about you.

Do you know anyone who is nosey?

Do nosey people bother you?

Are you a very private person?

A reply to a nosey person is, "mind your own business". Have you ever told anyone to mind their own business?

5. UNDER MY NOSE: If something is under your nose, it is directly in front of you. I spent hours looking for my lost wallet, and it was right under my nose the whole time.

Have you ever looked for your glasses only to find them on your face?

Do you lose things often, then find them later in an obvious place?

Do you have a place you always put your keys and purse when you come in the house?

6. FLESH AND BLOOD: This means a relative. Example: If I have to hire help for my store, I'll hire my own flesh and blood. I know I can trust them.

Do you think you'd enjoy working for your own flesh and blood?  
Would you give preference in hiring workers to your own flesh and blood?

**Grandpa is visited by his granddaughter whom he hasn't seen in some time. He uses many idioms in his speech. Underline all the idioms you see and tell what you think they mean.**

"My goodness, aren't you a sight for sore eyes. I haven't seen you in a million years. And you know you're my favorite grandchild. You were always the apple of my eye. Come inside and let your hair down. Where is that boyfriend of yours? Last time I saw you, you two were joined at the hip. I thought you two were head over heels in love. But I'm not real knowledgable about affairs of the heart. So maybe you didn't like him as much as I thought. He did seem to be having a bad hair day the time I saw him. I started to say something about his strange hairdo, but decided I should bite my tongue and button my lip."

**Teachers: Read this to the students so they can get an idea of the sound and rhythm of colloquial speech.**