

FUMC ESL 3-22-2018 ADVANCED LESSON

1. The newborn chick uses its egg tooth to break the shell of its egg and escape from it at hatching. This toothlike structure is then shed since its only use is to help the bird break the eggshell. Some animals, such as lizards and snakes, develop a true tooth that projects outside the row of other teeth. This tooth helps adults hatch their young.

The word **shed** is closest in meaning to: guarded preserved discarded enhanced

Explain the meaning of the verb **projects** as used in the third line as compared to the noun **projects**.

2. Due to the astounding progress of integrated-circuit technology an enormous number of transistors can be placed onto a single integrated-circuit chip. The first commercially successful microprocessor chip had only 4,800 transistors, but by the beginning of the 2000's, the newest high-end chips had 7.2 billion.

The word **astounding** is closest in meaning to: astonishing rapid solid resilient

Explain the difference in meaning of the word **integrated** in these two sentences.

- a—We were taught how to integrate computer use into normal classroom procedures.
- b—Until President Truman integrated the armed forces in 1948, African-American soldiers served in segregated army units.

3. Deer populations have grown dramatically in the northeast United States in the last 20 years. Many residents are happy to have deer in their communities, but many others see them as a menace. Deer often wander into traffic, cause automobile accidents, trample lawns, eat flowers, and host insects that carry disease. Therefore many residents are determined to restrict their movements, fence them out, or even eliminate them altogether.

Why did the author use the adverb “dramatically” in the first line?

A **menace** is a person or thing that is likely to cause harm. Read these sentences and explain what the forms of the word menace mean in each sentence.

- a—A hurricane **menaced** the east coast.
- b—The defendant made a **menacing** gesture to the jury.

What does “trample” mean in the third line?

In stating that many people are **determined to eliminate** the deer, the author means that they:

- a-want to decide what to do
- b-support their increase
- c-insist on reducing them
- d-favor enlarging the herd

4. Social anthropologists attempt to illustrate the social emergence and evolution of the human race and to determine differences between human social organization and that of other primates. Despite the fact that all classifications of human societies and cultures are arbitrary, they also attempt to note differences between various human societies. In spite of these difficulties, anthropologists have made great advances in the identification and grouping of human civilizations.

The definition, “based on an idea or chance rather than reason” is a good definition for what word in the above paragraph?

Which word in the paragraph above means both give examples to make something clearer AND to draw a picture?

An **anthropologist** is different from a zoologist in what way?

The word **arbitrary** is closest in meaning to:

a-vague b-haphazard c-disputed d-elusive

5-The Monroe Doctrine allowed the United States to intervene in the affairs of Latin American countries in case of foreign invasion. Once the United States was designated to act on behalf of its neighbors to the south, episodes of foreign intervention decreased until the 1960’s, when Cuba wanted the support and economic aid of the former USSR.

The word “designated” is closest in meaning to:

a-authorized
b-accustomed
c-determined
d-tempted

What is the difference between military **intervention** and divine **intervention**?

Explain the use of “intervene” in these sentences.

- a-They spent the intervening years shoring up their defenses so they would be ready for the next invasion.
- b-We were unable to stop the developer from destroying the environment and asked the courts to intervene.
- c-The problem with medical interventions is there are often unexpected side effects.

DISCUSSION

1-Many neighborhoods in Texas are plagued with deer, coyotes and feral hogs. These animals once very wild, have become accustomed to people and frequently will come into people’s yard. In the case of deer and hogs, they are very destructive of habitat and they host ticks and carry diseases. In the case of coyotes, they frequently kill small pets. Some people have suggested trapping and relocating or killing these animals. Others say, these animals were here before we were and we need to live with them peacefully. Which side of this argument are you on? Do you have these kinds of problems in your country?

2-When my children were in high school, we told them we preferred that they not drink, but if they did drink, they must absolutely not drive. We told them if they did drink at a party and needed a ride home that they should call us and we would come pick them up, no questions asked. Several friends said we were really just telling our kids it was OK to drink and they wouldn’t be punished for it. Do you agree? Is there a better way to deal with a situation of teenage drunk driving? Does your country have a problem with teenagers drinking and driving? Are your laws about drunk driving strict? What would you do if your teenager went to a party and you found out later the parent there served them alcohol? Would you speak to the parent? Would you forbid your kids from going to that house?