

FUMC ESL 8-27-2018 High Intermediate Lesson

Discuss: Welcome to the first fall class. Answer these questions about yourself in the group.

1. Is this your first time to attend our classes?
2. How long have you lived in Austin?
3. Are you working here, a student here or just visiting for a short while?
4. What advice would you offer to newcomers?
5. What other English classes do you attend?
6. Has anything happened here that you weren't expecting?
7. What's the worst thing about living away from your home country?

Confusing Vocabulary-choose the correct vocabulary word.

1. The (audience / spectators) applauded enthusiastically after the performance was finished.
2. I told my boss that I wanted a big (rise / raise).
3. I (raised/ rose) up the ranks of my company.
4. The article's (title / headline) read "Countdown to Summer".
5. Could you give me the (receipt / recipe) for that wonderful dessert?
6. She (said / told) me to fill out my application and leave it at the desk.
7. They (controlled / inspected) his passport on entering the country.
8. That painting by Picasso is (worthless / priceless).
9. Have you decided (weather / whether) you would like to come?
10. She (talks / speaks) three languages.
11. The car tried to (overcome / overtake) the bus on the freeway.
12. You will just have to (except / accept) his decision.
13. Could you give me some (advice / advise) on this problem?
14. Please (remember / remind) me to pick up some bread at the market.
15. Joanna (borrowed / lent) me 50 dollars until next Monday.
16. He (said / told) us about his trip to Africa.
17. Did you (remember / remind) to mail the check?
18. Hannah went to the library to (lend / borrow) the latest Stephen King novel.
19. (Sit / Set) the flowers on the table.
20. (Who's / Whose) book is that?
21. Go put some (cloths / clothes) on.

22. There is a stack of old (cloths / clothes) in the closet. They are old rags I save for cleaning the stove.
23. Don't touch that bird. It's (died / dead).
24. Jim doesn't have any sales (experiment / experience).
25. The dog didn't eat all (it's / its) food.
26. I need to (loose / lose) some weight.
27. I bought a shirt I didn't need because the (prize / price) was so cheap.
28. The exam was (quite / quiet) difficult.
29. You look hot. You should go sit in the (shade / shadow) for a while.
30. I can't believe our team (won / beat) the Tigers. They are the top team in the league.

Idioms:

1. If you **lose interest** in something, you know longer find it interesting. Name something you've lost interest in.
2. If you **lose your temper**, you get very mad. When you lose your temper, do you shout or pout?
3. If you **lose your balance**, you fall down. Do you have good balance? Can you walk across a narrow board without falling?
4. If you **lose your mind**, you go a little crazy. You don't act normally. EX: Trying to memorize all this English vocabulary makes me lose my mind! I don't know why I yelled at the children. I must have lost my mind. What are you doing on the roof! Have you lost your mind? Have you ever been so frustrated or angry you lost your mind?
5. If you have **nothing to lose** the situation cannot get worse so you might as well take the risk. Have you ever been in a situation where you had nothing to lose?
6. If you **lose touch** with someone, you no longer see or talk to them. If you don't keep up with a situation you are out of touch. EX: I don't read the newspapers anymore so I'm **out of touch** with what is happening in the country. How do you keep in touch with your friends back home while you are living here?
7. If you **lose out**, you don't get something important like a job. EX: Did you get accepted to the university? No, I lost out to some students who had better test scores on the TOEFL. Have you ever lost out on something you badly wanted?

