

FUMC ESL 9-24-2018 High Intermediate Lesson

Last Thursday we studied adjectives that appear in pairs separated by “and”. EX: hot and cold, nice and easy, short and sweet. These pairs are called **binomials**. They don’t have to be **adjective** pairs. They can also be **nouns** (fish and chips, law and order) or **verbs** (rise and shine, wine and dine).

Read these example sentences, then find a definition in the tables below that has the same meaning as the idiom.

- sick and tired: I’m sick and tired of our neighbors parking their car in front of our house.
- wine and dine: The salesmen always wine and dine the clients.
- odds and ends: We have moved all the furniture and big items. All we have left to move are a few odds and ends.
- by and large : By and large, people obey the traffic laws here.
- pros and cons: We discussed the pros and cons of living in the U.S.
- wear and tear: My cell phone is old, and is showing some wear and tear, but it still works perfectly.

advantages and disadvantages	entertain someone with a nice meal and alcohol	damage that happens over time with normal use
various small items	annoyed and frustrated	generally

- high and dry: My old car broke down and left me high and dry ten miles from the nearest town.
- null and void: The will was null and void because it had not been signed.
- side by side: In my kitchen, the refrigerator and freezer are side by side.
- leaps and bounds: Your son is growing by leaps and bounds.
- safe and sound: Though people were rioting in the street, we arrived home safe and sound.
- make or break: His time in the Army will either make or break him.
- time after time: He has made the same mistakes time after time. He should know better by now.
- toss and turn: I was so worried about our finances that I tossed and turned all night.
- rise and shine: Mother turns on my light every morning and exclaims, “Rise and shine!”

not valid	over and over	increase by large amounts
with a person on your side	not harmed	help or hurt
abandoned	to turn from one side to the other because you can’t sleep	get up out of bed and prepare for the day

R and R: After three weeks of working 10 hour days, I needed a little r and r.

R and D: The R and D department designed a car that can actually fly.

R and B: I’m going to listen to my favorite R and B group at Austin City Limits.

ins and outs: We need an engineer to explain all the ins and outs of the control panel on this airplane.

ups and downs: Sherry and I have had our ups and downs, but our marriage is on solid footing now.

live and learn: I'll never buy a cheap car again. This one breaks down all the time. Live and learn.

bits and pieces: I'm almost finished packing. I just have a few bits and pieces to put in.

peace and quiet: The kids are finally in bed. Now I'll have a cup of tea and enjoy the peace and quiet.

down and out

learn from experience	rest and relaxation	a series of good and bad experiences	little items or jobs
rhythm and blues	a place where everything is calm and quiet	research and development	all the details of a situation

Discussion Questions:

1. Who woke you up when you were a teenager? Are you a grumpy person when someone wakes you? What is your preferred way to be awakened? Are you a morning person or a night person?
2. Do you and your spouse discuss the pros and cons before a big decision? Do you change your mind a lot?
3. Finish this sentence: By and large, people in my country are...
4. What odds and ends are in your purse? Your desk at home? Do you have a drawer in your kitchen that you put odds and ends in?
5. Have you ever been wined and dined by someone trying to influence you? Is it common in your country to wine and dine people to try to convince them to do something?
6. What is one thing you are sick and tired of?
7. What do you think the meaning of "dollar for dollar" is in this sentence. *Dollar for dollar, you can't buy a better car.*
8. Do you enjoy peace and quiet or do you like to have people around you all the time.
9. If someone sticks by you through thick and thin, what do they do?
10. Describe a life and death situation?