

FUMC ESL 1-10-2019 Advanced Lesson

Pronunciation: We continue to work on blends. Blends are two consonants together in a word that have one sound, like br, cl, sp. Practice these word pairs.

slab - scab	shack - slack	flutter - clutter	flush - crush	drool - cruel	flog - clog
blunt - front	bruise - cruise	snide - slide	stall - crawl	shoot - chute	fragrant - flagrant
crisp - frisk	spunk - front	smother - smoother	swamp - tramp	spike - slight	fleece - sleaze

Notice that all of these words in the first two rows rhyme, even though they are spelled differently. So the oo in drool sounds the same as the ue in cruel. What other word pairs above rhyme even though they have different vowels. In the third row, the words sound similar, but they don't rhyme. Say these word pairs again and notice the difference in these words and the words in the first two rows.

Which of the words above means:

1. _____ a dry protective crust that forms on the skin to cover a cut or scrape
2. _____ drop saliva from your mouth
3. _____ worn down edge that is not sharp
4. _____ courage and determination
5. _____ person who travels from place to place in search of work (usually on foot)
6. _____ delay
7. _____ wooly covering of a sheep
8. _____ a pleasant smell
9. _____ a collection of things in an untidy mess
10. _____ something you do to a toilet

Discuss:

1. When a bird or butterfly flaps its wings rapidly, we say it flutters. When you open and shut your eyes several times rapidly, you are fluttering your eyelashes.

Tom: I think that woman is flirting with me.

Stan: Why do you think that?

Tom: She's fluttering her eyelashes at me.

What are some other ways women flirt? How do men flirt?

Is it OK to flirt at work? Studies show women who flirt get faster promotions and better pay. Does that mean flirting is acceptable? Can flirting be dangerous?

2. Snide means derogatory, mocking, disparaging. We usually use it to refer to comments. EX: She made a snide comment about my wife.

Examples:

Betty was a hyper talker. She went on and on and on until everyone was tired of it. Finally, Ben said, "How much coffee have you had?"

Joan went to the restroom and didn't return for twenty minutes. When she came back, her co-worker said, "I was worried you'd fallen in."

"Her perfume is nice, but I wish she hadn't marinated in it." What is the man implying?

"Some people cause joy wherever they go. Others whenever they go." What is the implication?

"Oh the mail arrived on time. That's a first isn't it?" What is the implication?

3. Smother means to suffocate. It usually implies covering something. Read this conversation and discuss the many meanings of "smother".

Stan: My mother is having another party for me. Every time I get a promotion at work or win an award, she has a big party to celebrate my success.

Gloria: That's sweet of your mother. She really loves you.

Stan: She does, but she can be annoying. All her love and attention is **smothering** sometimes. There are times I wish she would just ignore me.

Gloria: I really like the cakes your mom makes for your parties. She's a good cook.

Stan: I like her plain cakes, but when she **smothers** them with chocolate icing, it ruins them. And my mom isn't a great cook. She's known for burning food. One time she was frying steaks and the grease in the pan caught on fire. I had to come running with a wet towel to **smother** the fire.

Gloria: I bet that was scary. Maybe your mom should stick to cakes.

Stan: Haha, cakes not smothered in icing! Hey, Gloria, did you see that new movie about the woman who **smothered** her husband with a pillow.

Gloria: That sounds horrible. I don't like violent movies.

How does Stan feel about his mother's attention? Did you ever feel smothered by someone's attention? On the subject of icing on cakes, some people love their cake smothered in icing, while others prefer little to no icing. Which camp are you in?

4. Slight can mean small in degree, not serious. But it has many other meanings. Read these conversations.

The doorbell rang and I opened it to find a **slightly** built older woman holding a bouquet of flowers. I opened the door **slightly** and asked her what she wanted. She said, "You know me, don't you?" I swear I hadn't the **slightest** idea who she was. She seemed disappointed that I didn't recognize her. She told me she was my Aunt Eppie. I couldn't believe it. I hadn't seen Aunt Eppie since I was a young boy. And at that time she was a robust and attractive young woman, full of energy and charm. I asked the lady to come in. I was having a really hard time matching this **slight** little old woman with the Aunt Eppie I remember. I could tell she felt **slighted** that I didn't recognize her and welcome her whole heartedly.

Explain the meaning of each of the bold words.

5. A flagrant activity is shocking because it is done in a very noticeable way and shows no respect for the law or the truth. EX: The arrests are a flagrant violation of human rights. Something that is flagrant smells nice.