

## FUMC ESL 1-24-2019 Advanced Lesson

**Just For Fun**--Work with a partner to translate the initials in these sentences.

1. Get a BLT for the VP and an OJ for the CEO, ASAP.
2. I had to provide an ID with a DOB for my CPA so he could purchase the CD for me. (hint- CD is not a compact disc in this sentence)
3. An AWOL soldier named Robert Brown, AKA "Rocky" was DOA after being transported to the hospital. RIP.
4. FYI, we meet with HR at 11, but our ETA is 10:45, so it will be close.
5. Dad had a heart attack yesterday. We gave him CPR then took him to the ER where the MD started an IV. The nurse provided plenty of TLC. The doc said he'll be AOK with a little R and R.

**Pronunciation:** Today we'll look at the SK blend. Pronounce the words below.

<b>Beginning</b>	sketch	skit	skeleton	skate	skim	skimp
<b>Ending</b>	risk	desk	task	mask	ask	whisk
<b>Middle</b>	Alaska	basket	casket	cheapskate	musket	miniskirt

**Sketch** has several synonyms including: drawing, picture, illustration, cartoon. EX: As he talked on the phone, he **sketched** several abstract designs.

**Sketch** can also mean a short dramatic play (usually humorous) EX: The comedy **sketch** poking fun of our president was hysterically funny. Another word for a short dramatic performance is **skit**.

**Sketchy** means something that doesn't have enough details to be complete. Informally used, this word can mean dishonest. EX: The details of the accident are very **sketchy**. It seems no one got a clear view of what happened. That salesman seemed a little **sketchy** to me. I don't think I'd buy anything from him. I got the feeling he was conning me.

**Sketch out** means to briefly describe the basic idea. EX: He quickly **sketched** out the design for the new library for the clients.

**Thumbnail sketch** means the same as sketch, but perhaps smaller. EX: The artist drew several thumbnail **sketches** so we could choose the design we liked the best.

**skim:** If you remove something that is floating on the surface, you **skim** it off. EX: After the soup cools, **skim** off the fat.

We can use **skim off** as an idiom to mean, take the best part or the top part of something (usually money). EX: The company profits kept coming up short. When the accountant did an audit he found that the chief financial officer was **skimming** the profits off and hiding them in a personal account.

**skim:** If you skim the news story, you read it quickly to find the main facts or ideas. EX: She opened the newspaper and **skimmed** the headlines so she would know the major news events of the day.

If you **skimp** on something, you don't put enough money, time or effort into something. EX: I try to save money on the children's school clothes, but I don't **skimp** when I buy their shoes. If something is **skimpy**, it's too small. EX: I don't think you should wear that **skimpy** little dress to the funeral. It's not respectful. Not everyone can wear a **skimpy** bikini and look good in it.

**Read this idiom filled paragraph** and discuss the underlined idioms. After discussing the idioms, put down your paper and tell the class what happened in the paragraph in your own words.

I went skydiving on my 30th birthday. I was a little skittish about the whole idea of jumping out of a plane, but my friend agreed to join me and I didn't want to skip out on him. I dressed up in a skintight jump suit. My blood pressure was sky high as I prepared to jump. When I pulled the ripcord, my chute didn't open. I was sure I'd fall to my death, but just as I was saying goodbye to the world, it opened. I had a hard landing but I made it by the skin of my teeth. The instructor said he had bought my parachute from a new supplier that was selling them cheaply. The supplier had skimped on the material and it caused the chutes to open slowly. Apparently the new supplier was kind of a sketchy guy. I wanted to skin that guy alive. Imagine, skimping on something as important as a parachute. I was lucky to survive the experience. Any time I think back on it, it makes my skin crawl. My wife told me I was an idiot to try skydiving. But I told her to cut me some slack. I'm still young and I want to sow my wild oats.

#### **DISCUSS:**

1-Which one of these comments would you make if your husband told you he was going skydiving?

a-over my dead body

b-go for it

c-you're stark raving mad

2-Are you the type of person who likes to take risks? Do you wish you had done more risky things when you were young? Would you encourage your children to take risks? Have you ever taken risks in a business venture? Did you take a risk when you came to the U.S.?