

## FUMC ESL 1-31-2019 Advanced Lesson

**WORD GAME:** Try this word puzzle. There are a few words in English where you can remove one letter at a time and make a new word each time. See if you can complete the puzzle.

The word is **STARTLING**. If you **STARTLE** someone, you surprise or shock them. **STARTLING** is an adjective to describe anything that is surprising or shocking. EX: We received the startling news that our home had been burglarized.

The first letter is done for you.

If you remove the L from **STARTLING**, you have STARTING.

If you remove the T, you have \_\_\_\_\_.

If you remove the A, you have \_\_\_\_\_.

If you remove the R, you have \_\_\_\_\_.

If you remove the other T, you have \_\_\_\_\_.

If you remove the G, you have \_\_\_\_\_.

If you remove the S, you have \_\_\_\_\_.

If you remove the N, you have \_\_\_\_\_.

**Discuss** these statements. Tell whether you agree or disagree and why.

1. **OPINION:** Doctors prescribe too much medication to older adults.
2. **OPINION:** Keeping pets in your home is unhealthy for humans.
3. **OPINION:** My personal experience tells me acupuncture can be more effective in easing pain than pain meds.
4. **FACT:** Tobacco kills more than 480,000 people annually – more than AIDS, alcohol, car accidents, illegal drugs, murders and suicides combined. **OPINION:** It should not be legal to sell tobacco products.
5. **FACT:** Every year drunk drivers kill about 10,000 people in the U.S., but over seven times that number die from infections they got while in a hospital. **OPINION:** I would have to be severely injured or ill before entering the doors of a hospital here.

**Students, read the conversations and explain the underlined expression.**

A: Listen to your cough. You've got to lay off the cigarettes.

B: I've cut out alcohol. Now you want me to give up my smokes as well.

A: If you don't change your behavior, you're not long for this world.

B: Back off. I don't need you telling me what to do.

C: I don't trust that guy. There is something strange about him. I don't think you should go anywhere with him by yourself.

D: You are suspicious by nature. I don't think there is anything wrong with him at all.

E: How was your trip to New York?

F: It went well. I flew standby so I wasn't sure I would get on a flight. But it was mid-week, so the flights weren't crowded. I got on the first flight and arrived in New York earlier than I had planned. I used the time to drop in on some old friends I knew when I lived there.

G: I know you don't like Lisa very much, but she stood by me when I was in trouble. I owe her a debt of gratitude for that.

H: I don't really dislike Lisa. It's just that we didn't hit it off the first time we met.

I: I bought some new "miracle cleaner". I don't know if it will work, but the TV commercial made it look great. It's called "Greenclean".

J: Oh, my mother swears by that stuff.

K: Why don't you and your wife drop by this weekend. My family is visiting from Cairo and I think you'd enjoy meeting them.

L: I'd love to drop by, but I'm not sure my wife will feel up to it. You know she had surgery a week ago.

M: How is your uncle Tom doing? I know things have probably been rough for him since he lost his job.

N: He is barely getting by. I'm worried what he will do when his unemployment benefits run out.

O: Hello, Edward. Do you go by Edward or Ed?

P: Most people call me Eddie.

Q: Run that by me again.

R: OK. Mother's train arrives at 4 PM. Fifteen minutes later, Dad's flight lands. So you'll need to run by the train station to pick up Mom, then go on to the airport to pick up Dad. He'll be waiting for you in the arrivals terminal.

Q: That's a lot to remember. I hope I don't mess up.

S: I was looking forward to watching Pride and Prejudice last night, but my husband refused to watch it. He said it was a chick flick.

T: My husband is the same. He stayed up late watching a violent police drama last night. He ended up falling asleep on the couch.

U: I went to a painting class last night. I had a really good time. My painting wasn't bad either. I think I have an affinity for painting.

V: It may be a hackneyed phrase, but I think artists are born not made.

U: I don't think I'll be winning any accolades for my artwork any time soon.

V: Don't sell yourself short.