

FUMC ESL 2-21-2019 Advanced Lesson

Pronounce these word pairs: Note which syllable is accented. Then match the words to the short definitions below.

ability - agility	aimless - timeless	air strike - air tight	alert - alight	alive - alike
allergy - allergic	alley - ally	alone - along	already - all ready	analysis - analyst

Note: **Already** is used to talk about something that has happened: By the time we arrived, the concert had **already** started. **All ready** is used to say someone is ready to do something: The children are all dressed. We are **all ready** to go.

Match the words above to these definitions. You may work with a partner.

1. _____ able to move quickly and easily
2. _____ a narrow street between buildings
3. _____ occurs when a bird or insect stops flying and lands on something (can also mean on fire)
4. _____ allowing no air inside
5. _____ without a clear purpose
6. _____ to study something carefully so that you understand it better
7. _____ from one place to another that is usually a line, like a road or a river
8. _____ a person or country that helps another
9. _____ something that always remains attractive
10. _____ able to do something
11. _____ by yourself
12. _____ an attack by planes

ELECTIONS: Read this paragraph, then match the words in bold with their meanings below.

If you are managing the **campaign** for a **candidate** there are many things to do. Have some **pamphlets** printed that explain the candidate's **position**. Ask for money from the **political party** your candidate is **affiliated** with. Schedule a **debate** with your candidate's **opponent**. **Spin** your candidate's remarks in a positive way. Arrange opportunities for your candidate to meet with the **constituents**. Find out where the **polling place** for your constituents is and make sure they have a ride on election day. **Commission** a poll to find out if your candidate is going to win. Check to make sure your candidate's name is on the **ballot**. After all your work, your candidate may still lose if he is running against an **incumbent**.

a. someone who votes in a particular area	b. to ask someone to do work for you	c. someone who tries to defeat you
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d. the place where you vote	e. connected with an organization	f. a formal argument
g. small leaflet containing arguments or statements	h. give a quote a favorable interpretation	i. a point of view
j. a paper or electronic screen used to vote	k. an official currently holding office	

Opinion: In general, high voter turnout favors the Democratic party. Thus the Republican party has a vested interest in low voter turnouts. To achieve lower voter turnouts, Republicans might try to make voting more difficult by requiring more documentation to vote, by closing some of the polling places and by decreasing the number of days you can vote. All of these methods are controversial, though not illegal. Do you have a similar situation in your country?

Talk about issues with elections and voting in your country. Use the questions below as a guide for discussion.

In your country:

1. How many political parties are there?
2. Do poor people usually vote for one particular party and rich people for a different one?
3. Who can't vote?
4. Do you have to belong to a political party to vote?
5. What documents do you have to present to vote?
6. Is it easy to vote in your country? EX: lots of polling places and lots of days you can vote
7. Does your country allow voting by mail?
8. Is balloting electronic?
9. How confident are you that the elections in your country are fair?
10. Do you worry about corruption in the voting process?
11. What other issues do you have related to elections?