

FUMCESL 3-14-2019 Advanced Lesson

VOCABULARY

In English, many words come from a common root word. Studying these word families can be a quick way to enhance your vocabulary.

moment (noun) a very short period of time. EX: Can you wait here for a moment? At that moment, Sara entered. Brazilian food is very popular at the moment. Jan finally had her big moment on stage. I'll be with you in a moment. I knew it was you the moment I heard your voice.

momentarily (adverb)- for a very short time. EX: The car slowed down momentarily, then sped off.

momentary (adjective) -continuing for a very short time EX: There was a momentary silence, then the theatre erupted in applause.

NOTE the difference between momentarily and momentary is that one is an adverb that will tell something about the verb and the other is an adjective which will tell something about a noun.

momentous (adjective) - a very important event EX: The momentous events of 9-11 are burned into our memories.

momentum (noun)- the ability to keep increasing. EX: The wagon started to roll, then gained momentum as it started down the hill. The soldiers started out strongly, but as the battle dragged on for hours, they lost their momentum and will to fight.

Put the right form of the word in these sentences.

1. The twenty-first century has seen _____ changes in technology.
2. There was a _____ pause in the battle as each side re-loaded their weapons.
3. In 1066, the French achieved a _____ victory at the Battle of Hastings.
4. He was _____ struck speechless until he gathered his wits and answered the question.
5. Using her _____, she grabbed the top of the gate and vaulted over it.
6. In that _____, she knew she had lost the chess match.

Idioms with Moment:

A. If you "live for the moment", you enjoy the present and don't think about the future. Are you a person who mainly lives for the moment, or are you a person who spends a lot of time planning for your future? Have you ever had such a good time at an event that you could just live in the moment?

B. The "moment of truth" is the point at which someone has to face the reality of the situation. EX: I worked my way through medical school, sacrificing a social life in order to study. But after my internship I realized, I really didn't like being around sick people. It was a real moment of truth for me. I knew I had better choose a different career.

Another example: You have attended lectures, taken notes and studied throughout the semester. The moment of truth comes when you take your final exam. You will find out if you did enough to get a good grade.

Give an example of a moment of truth you have faced in your life.

Idioms: Read the sentence and tell from the context what the underlined idiom means. Discuss the questions.

1-I was walking to work today thinking about how I would ask my boss for a promotion when a blackbird suddenly landed on my shoulder. Do you think that was a good omen or a bad omen?

There are many superstitions about luck. For example, having a black cat cross your path is supposed to be a bad omen. Breaking a mirror is another bad omen. Do you have superstitions like this in your culture? Name a few good omens and bad omens.

2-There is a saying, "A tiger doesn't change his stripes." Read this conversation to figure out what it means.

Ben: I know Jon has always been a hot-tempered bully, but I hope once he marries my sister, he will calm down and be more patient and understanding.

Ed: You know, Ben, a tiger doesn't change his stripes.

What does this saying mean? What are tigers known for? What kind of behavior do you think Ed expects from Jon? We want to give people the benefit of the doubt if they say they have changed their behavior. But would you trust them? Would you advise your sister to marry someone who had been abusive in the past?

3-I paid all of our debts so we can start the new year with a clean slate. Hopefully we'll do better this year with sticking to our budget.

Is sticking with a budget easy for you? Or do you even make a budget? What's the first thing that you could scratch OFF the budget if you had to?

4-I accidentally left my flash drive with today's presentation on the bus. But fortunately, a woman saw it on the seat and called me back before I got off. That was a close call. We got off late and nearly missed our flight, but we managed to get on just before they closed the doors. Whew, that was a close call.

Talk about a close call you have experienced.

5-We must all come to grips with this new age of gun violence. It appears it will become more and more normal.

Do you worry about shootings? Does worrying about gun violence change the way you live your life? Do you think Americans are strange in their addiction to guns?

6-I went back to the house and checked to make sure all the doors were locked. I was pretty sure they were, but Martha was worried she had left the back door unlocked when she put the dog out. So to put her mind at ease, I double-checked all the doors.

Are you obsessive about locking your doors?

7-Tim was shattered when he lost the election, but he put on a brave face for the media and his supporters.

Do you often hide your feelings when something is upsetting you by putting on a brave face? Are you good at reading someone's emotions without them having to tell you how they feel?