

FUMC ESL 3-28-2019 Advanced Lesson

Read. Define underlined words or idioms. Discuss.

John: How was the game this weekend?

Tim: The opposing team took several cheap shots at our quarterback. It appeared they wanted to hurt him and get him out of the game. The refs didn't call any of the hits. That game really left the fans feeling cheated.

John: Trying to hurt the opposing quarterback is hitting below the belt. It should be penalized. But I think your team lost the game fair and square. The other team scored 20 more points. That is a big margin. You have to admit, they were the better team.

Discuss: What is your favorite sport to watch? What team do you root for? Can you be objective about referee's calls against your team? Do you think sports are fair or do some teams cheat?

Sandy: I told my daughter she needs to wear less makeup. I explained that wearing a lot of makeup and very short skirts cheapens her.

Brandi: You're right. A good reputation doesn't come cheap. You have to earn it by acting respectably all the time. Girls these days don't understand this.

Discuss: For youth, following the trends is important. Forbidding them from wearing the latest styles can result in them rebellng more. Should parents enforce a dress code for their children? At what age should you let your children wear whatever they want? Did your parents ever prohibit certain styles when you were young?

Donna: My mother is so annoying. She's such a cheapskate. She won't buy any clothing that isn't on sale. We saw a dress for twenty-five dollars at the mall. It was a cute dress and dirt cheap. But my mom said it was a winter dress and now that spring was here, the store would probably drop the price some more. She offered the salesperson fifteen dollars. I was so embarrassed. It's humiliating to have a mother that is so cheap. What a penny-pincher!

Randy: You know what they say, "A penny saved is a penny earned."

Discuss: Does Randy agree with Donna that her mother is a cheapskate?

Tim: I take pride in my kid's success. My son is an architect. He designs innovative buildings in a radical new style. He likes to use experimental materials like cork and hay bales. His design is cutting-edge. He is a pioneer in his field.

Discuss: Would you like to live in a house designed in a radical new style with innovative materials? Or do you prefer the tried and true design and materials? Does it embarrass you when your parents brag about you?

Sara: Bill and I were just playing around with a ball when we accidentally broke my neighbor's window. Bill insisted we deny it and pin it on my little brother. But I refused to play along with Bill's idea. I wasn't about to lie my way out of responsibility. I fessed up and took my medicine. Dad raked me over the coals for being careless. I'm grounded and I have to pay for the window out of my allowance.

Lynn: I'm glad you plucked up your courage and told the truth. I heard Bill just played it cool, hoping no one would find out he was involved.

Sara: Yeah, I know he did. I didn't mention Bill when I confessed. I took the blame for the window.

Lynn: I heard your neighbor was suspicious and asked Bill about the window. Bill played dumb. He acted as if he had no knowledge of how the window was broken. He just shrugged and acted clueless. Your neighbor was angry. He said, "Are you playing me for a fool, Bill. I know you had a hand in this."

Discuss: Do you think the neighbor will be more mad at Bill or at Sara? Did you ever accidentally damage something? Did you fess up? Fess is a shortened form of the word "confess". If you confess, you make a confession. Were you ever grounded? Did you ever try to pin something on a younger sibling? Has anyone ever played you for a fool?

Jo: I was poking around in my parent's attic and I found some great antique chairs. I don't know what possessed my parents to put valuable antiques in the attic while they use cheap, ugly chairs downstairs.

Lane: Did you ask them about it?

Jo: I talked to my mom. Apparently, my mother's old boyfriend bought those antique chairs for Mom when they were dating. My dad refused to use them because he didn't want to be reminded about the boyfriend.

Lane: Wow, your dad sounds like the jealous type.

Discuss: Do you think Jo's dad acted irrationally? Are you jealous of your spouse's friends from before you met? Are men more jealous than women?

