

FUMC ESL 3-28-2019 High Intermediate Lesson

Talking to a Counselor: Read these complaints from people visiting with a counselor. Tell the meaning of the underlined words. What advice would you give each person?

1-My husband drinks to excess. He's an alcoholic. When he's drunk, he's angry and verbally abusive. Sometimes he scares me. But if I call 911 and the police come, he will be really mad. I'm at the end of my rope.

2-My wife is a chain smoker. I'm worried about her health. I've talked to her about it, but she can't stop. I'm afraid she'll develop cancer.

3-I'm under a lot of stress. My daughter is divorced and has moved back home with her four kids. I have to care for them during the day so she can work. My husband still expects me to have a hot dinner on the table when he gets home. By 8 PM, I'm exhausted and fall into bed. I don't know how much longer I can take this.

4-My wife is having an affair. I don't know what to do. I really love her, but she seems to be in love with someone else. I suggested we go to marriage counseling, but my wife is unsure about it. What should I do?

5-I have a lump under my arm. I don't have any appetite and I feel nauseous sometimes. I am afraid I might have cancer. I'd like to get this lump checked out, but I don't have any insurance. I can't afford to pay for a doctor. I'm very anxious about this.

If you need or someone you know needs counseling help, you can contact either of these organizations. Lifeworks is free and New Life charges what people are able to pay.
<https://www.lifeworksaustin.org/counseling> or try <https://www.newlifetexas.org/>

Discuss: Would you ever go to marriage counseling? In your culture, do people go to counselors or try to solve the problems themselves? Do people ever ask your advice or help for problems? Would you say you are a good listener?

Choose the correct preposition in these sentences. Do it by yourself, then check with the teacher.

1. Water consists (of / with) oxygen and hydrogen.
2. I am uncomfortable because that man is staring (to / at) me.
3. Ella hid the candy (from / to) the children.
4. I arrived (in / to) this country last month.
5. We arrived (to / at) the airport an hour late.
6. I am jealous (with / of) people who can speak English well.
7. The students responded (at / to) the teacher's question.
8. The farmers are hoping (on / for) rain.
9. I'm depending (on / for) you to finish this work for me.
10. Tim wore sunglasses to protect his eyes (for / from) the sun.
11. They have been married (to / with) each other for twenty years.
12. They are proud (with / of) their children.
13. I don't like that girl, but I am always polite (with / to) her.
14. Our dog is frightened (of / with) thunderstorms.

15. I will fight (to / for) my rights.
16. The driver said we will arrive (at / in) the airport (at / in) thirty minutes.
17. They live (in / at) a small apartment (at / on) the 2nd floor.
18. I don't like his way (to / of) speaking. He talks fast and is hard to understand.
19. I'm tired (of / with) being treated like a child.
20. Have you heard (with / of) this book?

Choose the correct phrasal verb:

1. It rained so we (called back / called off) the picnic.
2. I knew the answer but the teacher never (called out / called on) me.
3. Your father called earlier. He wants you to (call back / call on).
4. The teacher said, "Boys, (cut back / cut out) your talking."
5. I couldn't (come up with / come over with) the answer.
6. We went to the library to (check out / check out of) some books about hiking in Colorado.
7. Why don't you (drop off / drop by) after dinner.
8. Ed decided to (drop off / drop out of) school after this semester.
9. Please don't (give up / give back). I'm sure you can finish the test.
10. The teacher (gave up / gave back) our exams. I made an A.

Discuss these situations. Tell if the action was appropriate or inappropriate. Explain why.

1. It's your secretary's birthday. You buy her an expensive necklace for her birthday.
2. You took an economics course at the college last year. You made a good grade. A friend is taking it this year. Your friend asks to look at your old exams so he can study them.
3. The male professor in your university class asks one of the female students to go to dinner with him.
4. You and your wife are hosting her parents for the weekend. Your boss tells you at 4 PM on Friday that he expects you to work all weekend. You refuse.
5. You hear screaming and shouting from the apartment next door. Then you hear a loud bang and everything gets very quiet. You decide to call 911 and ask them to check on the people next door.