

## FUMC ESL 3-14-2019 Low Intermediate Lesson 10 A Termite Problem

The landlord **fumigates** the apartment building. That means he sets off a chemical smoke or gas that kills bugs. This is what landlords do if the bugs are really bad. Magda leaves the building because breathing these chemicals is bad for you. Fumigate is a verb. **Fumigation** is a noun. Practice saying these two words.

Moving to a hotel is **inconvenient** for Magda and the other tenants. Something that is easy is **convenient**. EX: There is a grocery store around the block. It is very convenient. I can walk to it when I need things. Inconvenient is the opposite. It means NOT easy and near. EX: Going to the library is inconvenient. It is too far away to walk. I have to go on the bus.

The landlord gives the tenants an **allowance** to pay for their hotel bill. Some parents give children an allowance to buy toys or treats. Do you give your children an allowance? Did your parents give you an allowance? Do you think all parents should give children an allowance?

**Read the story on page 58. Listen to the teacher read the story. Practice saying the sentences like the teacher.**

### Questions:

1. What kind of bug does Magda's apartment have?
2. Termites eat wood. They can make the wood beams weak. The landlord must treat the termites before they make too many holes in the wood. Does Magda see termites in her apartment?
3. What does her landlord decide to do about the termites.
4. How does Magda feel about bugs.
5. How do you feel about bugs? Do you spray chemicals to kill bugs?
6. Is there a better way to kill bugs than spraying chemicals?
7. Why does Magda stay in a hotel?
8. Why does Magda put food in special bags?
9. Why does Magda remove her plants?
10. Does Magda find bugs in the hotel room?
11. Mr. Foster tells Magda not to go outside. Why?

**Do Complete the Sentences and Matching on page 60.**

**Read this article about bugs.**

Scientists know where bugs like to live in our houses. Many insects and creepy-crawlies share our homes. Different bugs like to live in different areas of our homes. Most bugs live in ground-level, carpeted rooms with many windows. A researcher said: "The home we create for ourselves also builds a complex, indoor habitat for bugs and other life."

Every room in a house has different environments for bugs. Fruit flies and ladybugs liked living rooms. Spiders, ants and beetles preferred darker, damper rooms. The benefits of sharing our homes with bugs include making sure the microbes we need to stay healthy are in our homes. Bugs also clean up the waste we create. Scientists are discovering that people who have a big assortment of bugs and bacteria in their homes are actually healthier. The scientists say we

should not use powerful chemicals to kill bugs. They say that powerful chemicals kill the good bugs and leaves the bad bugs alive. Of course, we need to clean our kitchen and bathrooms because there are many bad bugs that live in those places. And we have to kill bugs that might harm our children, like scorpions or wasps that get indoors. But we shouldn't worry if our house is not perfectly clean. It is healthier for us and our kids.

**Discuss:**

1. What is the point of this article?
2. Do you keep your house perfectly clean?
3. Do you agree that avoiding harsh chemicals in your house is a good idea.
4. Scientists say having pets who come inside is good. Those pets bring in good bacteria from the outside. Do you have pets that come inside your house?
5. Some people are not comfortable with letting bugs live in their house. How do you feel about this idea?
6. Who kills the bugs in your house, you or your husband?
7. Are you afraid of flying bugs?

**Pronunciation:**

Many languages do not use the TH sound. This can be a difficult sound to say. Practice these TH words. Practice these two word phrases. Teachers, make sure they understand the meaning of these combinations.

baby's breath	bubble bath	telephone booth	chicken broth	baby teeth	bike path
toll booth	tooth fairy	thirty third	fifth grade	thank you note	thorny thistles