

FUMC ESL 4-29-2019 Advanced Lesson

Read these conversations with a partner. Decide what the underlined words mean. Teachers, let the students figure it out if they can. Clarify for them if needed.

Sue: I couldn't watch the film in biology that showed a doctor doing surgery. Seeing him cut open a human just made my flesh crawl. It makes me wonder if I'm cut out to be a nurse.

Fran: I agree it was hard to watch. I was petrified when the patient's heart stopped during surgery. I think everyone was scared out of their wits. You really wanted the patient to recover. No one wanted to watch someone die on the operating table. It makes me realize how brave doctors are.

Sara: John begged his parents to let him stay out late on prom night, but his plea fell on deaf ears.

Kate: I've heard his parents are unbelievably strict.

Jessie: Could I have a sip of your drink? My mouth is dry and that lemonade looks so refreshing.

Amelia: It's not all it's cracked up to be. They brag about their lemonade here, and it has a wonderful aroma, but it's awfully sweet. I prefer tart lemonade.

Linda: Leslie's apartment looks so great. I love the way she accented her grey sofa with some lovely colorful fabrics.

Mother: Leslie has always had a good eye for color.

Jay: This baby is the spitting image of his father.

Katie: He's definitely a chip off the old block.

Father: Whose turn is it to say grace?

Robert: Beats me. I don't have a clue.

Fay: After the initial shock of a cancer diagnosis, Sara finally came to grips with it.

James: I hope Sara will be all right. Losing her is more than I could bear.

Mrs. Edwards: I'm really fed up with you, Rob. I've a mind to tell your mother how you behaved when she comes to pick you up.

Rob: Sorry Mrs. Edwards. I'll mind my p's and q's from now on.

Sandra: I get goosebumps when I hear the old songs. They bring back such poignant memories.

Tammy: I know what you mean. Quite a lot of radio stations play oldies nowadays.

Michele: Al can't come with us tonight. He's under the gun to finish his income taxes before the due date.

Terry: April 15th is this week. He's getting down to the wire.

George: There is more to her disappearance than meets the eye. The police suspect foul play.

Jason: Unfortunately, looking for a young woman who has disappeared in Los Angeles is like looking for a needle in a haystack. L.A. is full of young women who have run away from home to become famous. They all think they can make it in show business.

Tom: When negotiations with management reached an impasse, the union ordered a strike.

Phil: Increasing salaries is always a stumbling block for management. I hope they strike a bargain soon.

Sandra: We will take the red-eye flight from London and arrive in Chicago very early Saturday morning. Do you mind picking us up? I feel bad that it's so early.

Edna: Don't give it another thought. We'll pick you up. Then, if you like, we can pay a call on Grandmother on the way home. She would love to see you both.

Tara: This teacher is so boring to listen to. Her lectures are **colorless**. I expected this class to be really interesting because I love to learn about science. I've run out of patience with this class. Tomorrow, I might just cut class.

Jan: I know what you mean. My mind wanders in this class. Yesterday, during the lecture, I spent the whole time looking at the Macy's white sale catalog. I love all their pretty sheets and towels. But I'm not learning much about science.

Discuss in your group:

1. Which one of your parents was the disciplinarian? Are you the disciplinarian in your family?
2. Were you raised in a religious home? Did you carry on your family's religious traditions in your own family? Would it upset you if your children chose a different religion or no religion at all?
3. Talk about something that didn't turn out as well as it was cracked up to be.
4. Which entertainment would you prefer: singing karaoke, acting in a local play, playing a game, working a puzzle.
5. What kinds of movies do you like, horror, mysteries, romances or something else?
6. Do you have a good eye for color? Do your friends ever ask you to help them decorate? Are you interested in decorating your apartment or home?
7. Were you ever interested in becoming an actor or actress? Which actors or actresses do you most admire?
8. Would you allow one of your children to put off college and move to L.A. to try to make in as an actor or actress?
9. Are unions powerful in your country? Do workers get a fair deal in your country?
10. Do you like tart drinks or foods? For example, really tart lemons or apples? Or do you prefer things sweeter?
11. Do you like to listen to the songs that were popular when you were growing up? Do you and your spouse have a song that is "your song"?
12. Do you think it's hard to appreciate music from another country?