

FUMCESL 9-12-2019 ADVANCED LESSON

Pronunciation Practice: Which of these word pairs are pronounced the same?

would wood	won one	weight wait	ward word
weak wake	weather whether	win when	which witch
whine wine	won't want	wrap rap	write right
we'd weed	worship warship	warn worn	war wore
waist waste	wise why	wheel will	wall whale

Idioms-discuss in your group:

1. When we say we will “wait and see”, we mean we will have patience and see how things turn out. EX: We may have to move if our rent goes up, but we'll just wait and see. Maybe it won't go up this year.

What is something that you will wait and see about?

2. If you “walk all over someone” you treat them badly. You use them for your own purpose. EX: Her children behave badly. They walk all over her. They don't respect their mother at all.

Has anyone ever “walked all over” you? What did you do about it?

3. If you are “walking on air”, you are very happy and excited. EX: I just got a new job with great pay. I'm walking on air.

When was the last time you were walking on air?

4. If you have “wall to wall” carpeting in your apartment, the carpeting goes all the way to the wall, with no floor showing. EX: This apartment comes with wall to wall carpeting, but I prefer hardwood floors.

Do you have wall to wall carpeting or do you have hardwood or tile floors with rugs? Which do you prefer?

5. If you “warm up to someone” you become friendly with them. EX: I didn't like Katy at first. I thought she was a snob. But I am warming up to her now. She and I are becoming good friends.

Have you ever met someone that you didn't like at first, but warmed up to later?

6. A “wealth” of information is a lot of information. EX: The internet has a wealth of information on every topic.

What is something that you have a wealth of information about?

7. If you waste your breath, you waste your time trying to convince someone to do something. EX:

Should I tell Marty that Linda is not a good person.

Don't waste your breath. Let Marty find out for himself. If you try to tell him, he won't believe you.

Describe a time when you felt like you were wasting your breath.

8. Example sentence: I'm going to get home for Christmas this year one way or another. This person intends to do everything she can to get home, even though it may be very difficult. “One way or another” means she will try many ways to accomplish her goal.

How would you finish this sentence: One way or another, I will

9. Example sentence: I've always found math to be easy, but calculus is a horse of another color.

What do you think this sentence means? What is meant by "a horse of another color"?

Make a sentence with this phrase that applies to your life.

10. Sally was caught texting her boyfriend during working hours. Poor Sally. She has been reprimanded for showing up late to work, for taking personal phone calls and for using company supplies for her own projects. I'm afraid this latest infraction will be another nail in her coffin.

What is an "infraction"? What is implied by the phrase, "another nail in her coffin"? What should Sally expect to happen?

11. As a parent, you have to walk a fine line between protecting your child from injury and letting the child experience the world for himself.

I had to walk a fine line between telling Jack the truth and sparing his feelings. It was a difficult conversation.

What do you think "walk a fine line" means in each of these conversations. Talk about a time when you had to walk a fine line. Do you think parents today are over-protective of their children? When you were young did your parents let you go off alone to explore the neighborhood?

12. The staff left me in the waiting area of the emergency room. So here I sit, twiddling my thumbs, waiting for someone to tell me about Jeremy's condition.

Tell about a time when you were left twiddling your thumbs. Does it make you mad when you have to wait a long time?