

FUMC ESL 10-24-2019 Advanced Lesson

Demonstrate where these body parts are: thigh, calf, shin, knee, ankle, heel, ball of your foot, arch of your foot, joints

Do ever go barefoot outside? Do you pamper your feet? Are you a leggy blonde? (having long, slender legs)

FOOT and LEG IDIOMS:

Read the paragraph. From the context, figure out what the underlined idiom means. Then answer the question when there is one. Discuss the questions in your group.

1. The parents want classes to start earlier so they can get to work by eight. The teachers don't want to begin school that early. We asked Mr. Jones to come to the meeting to discuss the issue because he has a foot in both camps. He is a teacher at the school, but his daughter also attends the school.

Have you ever been in a situation where you had a foot in two groups who opposed each other on something?

2. My whole family went to a restaurant this weekend. My dad surprised us all by footing the bill for the whole group. We were very glad because the food was expensive.

Who usually foots the bill when your extended family goes out to dinner?

3. I got a job working as a secretary for Dell. It's not the job I want, but at least I have a foot in the door. I can meet people who can help me get the job I really want.

Is taking a job with less responsibility and less pay than the job you really want a good idea if it helps you get your foot in the door? Or do you run the risk of being stuck in the low level job forever?

4. Clair and I got off on the wrong foot when we first met. She insisted I go with her to get a cup of coffee, but I had another appointment and had to leave right away. She thought I just didn't want to be with her. But later we straightened everything out and we are good friends now.

Tell about a time when you got off on the wrong foot with someone.

5. I put my foot in my mouth today. I was complaining to my classmates about how all dentists overcharge their patients. It turns out one of my classmates was a dentist and he got really angry.

Tell about a time when you put your foot in your mouth.

6. My daughter insisted on going on a date with an older boy at her school. But I put my foot down and told her she was not allowed to date until she was 16.

What things do you put your foot down about in your household? What did your parents put their foot down about? Is it OK for a young teenager to date an older boy?

7. I really dread my father-in-law visiting. He is from a different age when the older men in the family were pampered. He expects me to wait on him hand and foot.

Is there anyone in your family who expects to be waited on hand and foot?

8. I used to hate it when people asked me not to smoke in front of them. But now the shoe is on the other foot. I quit smoking and I really don't like to be around people who smoke.

9. I was forced to cool my heels in the lobby while I waited for the officer to interview me.

10. My boss is dragging his feet about whether to give a raise to the whole department, or just the high performers.

What do you drag your feet about doing?

11. My son fell head over heels for the girl he met in Nashville.

12. He will follow in his father's footsteps and study law.

Did you follow in your mother or father's footsteps in your career choice?

13. I wanted to travel to Egypt to see the pyramids, but I got cold feet after all the unrest there.

14. I hate to drive with Danny. He has a lead foot. I am always scared we will fly off the road.

15. A: Jack said he won the lottery last week. He said he won a million dollars and would be quitting his job soon.

B: That sounds like something Jack would say. He's pulling your leg. He likes to do that with all the new employees.

16. Celeste got off to a rough start in college. Her high school work really hadn't prepared her for the academic rigor of a major university. But she landed on her feet. She asked for help and was given a tutor who smoothed her path. She ended up graduating at the top of her class.

Did you find that college was much more difficult than high school? Did your high school do a good job in preparing you for college? Did most of your friends attend college? What advice would you give a student who was struggling?

17. My parents want me to move out of their house and get an apartment of their own. They say, "You have a good job now and make a good salary. It's time you stood on your own two feet."

Were your parents anxious for you to stand on your own two feet, or did they want you to continue to be dependent on them? In your country, is it common for adult children to move back in with their parents after college?

18. My lawyer said I shouldn't sue the company for letting me go. Because my performance reviews were not good while I worked there, he felt I didn't have a leg to stand on. (nothing to support your cause)

19. Bob: You've been to Ireland several times haven't you. You should know about the climate there.

Sara: You must have me confused with someone else. I've never set foot in Ireland.

Have you ever set foot in any of the British Isles?

20. I could never be a politician who had to give speeches and answer questions from the press. I have never been good at thinking on my feet.

Are you good at thinking on your feet, or do you later think of what you should have said?

