## FUMC ESL 11-18-2019 Advanced Lesson

# Introductions: Introduce yourself and answer these two questions

1-The best place I have ever lived is \_\_\_\_\_\_.

2-My dream is to \_\_\_\_\_\_.

# These conversations are full of slang and idioms. Read the conversation and tell the meaning of the underlined words or phrases.

Joe: Hold up, I want to get my wallet Steve: Step on it, we're already late.

Joe: Should we give Liz a call to tell her we're coming?

**Steve**: Yeah, she'll be glad to get out. She's been holed up with her books all weekend.

Joe: I was up into the wee hours of the morning myself.

**Steve**: Did your roommate complain about you burning the midnight oil?

**Joe**: No, he's a <u>night owl</u>. He never <u>hits the sack</u> before 2 or 3 AM.

**Steve**: So, do you think you'll ace the test?

**Joe**: I'll give it a shot, but Dr. Hardy's tests are usually <u>killers</u>. I'm <u>a fish out of water</u> in

that class anyway.

**Steve**: Oh, you're in over your head?

**Joe**: Something like that. Everyone else has had calculus in high school. My school didn't offer it, so I'm a bit behind. It bugs me that I can't do any better in that class.

**Liz**: Come in. Make yourself at home. I'm almost ready to go. I'm so glad you guys gave me a ring. I've been cooped up in here all weekend.

**Steve**: We thought you would be <u>hitting the books</u> pretty hard. I told Joe you would be <u>working your fingers to the bone</u> trying to get an A in old Dr. Hardy's class.

**Liz**: Yes, there's <u>no rest for the weary</u>. <u>On top of studying for Dr. Hardy's class</u>, I volunteered to serve as secretary for the Student Advisory committee. I have to type up the <u>minutes</u> from all the meetings. I guess I'm just a <u>glutton for punishment</u>.

Joe: I think you could skip typing the minutes. No one ever reads them anyway.

Liz: That's probably true. But I agreed to do it and I don't want to go back on my word.

#### Questions:

- 1-If you were holed up in your apartment due to bad weather, what would you probably be doing?
- 2-Do you ever stay up until the wee hours of the morning? What do you do in the wee hours?
- 3-When you were in college, did you burn the midnight oil?
- 4-Were you the kind of person who planned ahead and started projects early, or did

you wait til the last minute to begin?

- 5-Are you or anyone you know a night owl?
- 6-What time do you usually hit the sack?
- 7-What kinds of tests would you find it easy to ace?
- 8-Describe a time when you felt like a fish out of water.
- 9-Tell about something that bugs you.
- 10-Are you a person who gets involved in lots of projects or do you prefer to do only one thing at a time?
- 11-Would people describe you as a glutton for punishment, someone who takes on too many jobs?

I offered to <u>put up</u> Tim and his cousin for a few nights while their apartment was being painted. But they <u>raided my fridge</u> and left their dirty dishes in the sink. They never <u>turned in</u> before midnight. I <u>make it a habit</u> go to bed early because I have an early class. And <u>it turns out</u> Tim's cousin is <u>a basket case</u>. He's completely <u>disorganized</u> and loses all his stuff. Then he asks to borrow my stuff, but he loses that too. He <u>made off</u> <u>with several of my shirts in the short time he was there. I got pretty fed up with the whole situation. I was pretty hot under the collar by the time they left. I <u>breathed a sigh of relief</u> when they left.</u>

## **Questions**:

- 1-Have you ever offered to put up someone, then regretted it?
- 2-Do you ever raid the fridge late at night?
- 3-Did you ever have any bad roommates?
- 4-What are you fed up with?
- 5-Who turns in earliest in your family?
- 6- Finish this sentence: I make it a habit to...