

FUMC ESL 1-13-2020 Advanced Lesson

Today, we'll learn about some "ex" words. First pronounce the "ex" words in the table, then read the conversations and discuss.

exhibition	expedition	exploration	exposed	expansive	expensive	exotic
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Sue: There's a terrific exhibition at the art museum on 17th century South American art. We should go see it.

Tanya: I can't go after this week because I'm off on my Africa trip.

Sue: Is this your climbing Mt. Kilimanjaro expedition.

Tanya: Yes, after months of training, my African exploration begins.

Sue: Be sure and take warm clothing. You'll be exposed to the elements camping on the mountain.

Tanya: Yes, I will. I'm really looking forward to the expansive view I'll get from the top. This is an expensive trip, but I think it will be worth every penny.

Sue: I've heard the tour company charges to climb Mt. Kilimanjaro are exorbitant.

Tanya: It's not too bad. Travel to any exotic location is expensive.

1. Who's going to Africa?
2. What kind of expedition is it?
3. Do you think Tanya planned carefully for this trip?
4. This paragraph used the phrase "exposed to the elements". Explain the meaning of that. You can also be "exposed to toxins", "exposed to sun", "exposed to a virus", "exposed to enriching experiences". If you're standing in a fancy hotel lobby wearing only a bikini, you might feel exposed. If you are a journalist, you might expose the truth about corruption. If you open the camera case when there is film in the camera, you expose the film. Talk about the meaning of these phrases and sentences.
5. In addition to *expansive views*, you can make expansive gestures or be in an expansive mood. Guess at the meaning of these phrases. Try making a sentence with them.
6. What exotic locations have you traveled to? Would you like to vacation in some exotic place, like a tiny island in the Pacific, or do you prefer more standard destinations?
7. Explain the idiom, "worth every penny".

Pronounce these words:

embezzlement	unexpected	excellent	exactly	expenses
excuse	expedient	experience	extolling	extremely
exert	expensive	extent	expecting	expert

Sarah: Tom was arrested yesterday. He was charged with embezzlement. They claim he's been stealing money from his company.

Nate: That is totally unexpected news. Tom is the last person I would ever expect to hear had been arrested for anything. I always thought he had excellent character.

Sarah: Exactly. I was shocked. I know Tom has had a lot of expenses with his son's health issues, but I agree that it is unbelievable that he would steal. But I was with him when the

police came. Tom had a funny look on his face when they came to the door. It was as if he had been expecting them. It made me wonder if he is actually guilty.

Nate: It's sad if he stole to cover his son's hospital bills. That's no excuse, of course. Stealing is always wrong no matter what the circumstances. But it's not like he stole to buy a fancy yacht or something.

Sarah: Let's not put the cart before the horse. We don't know Tom actually did it.

Nate: You're right. But I feel it would be expedient for you to call a lawyer right away, preferably someone with experience in embezzlement cases.

Sarah: My husband was extolling the virtues of John Simms. He's apparently an extremely good lawyer. And he is an expert in white collar crime. Plus he knows most of the judges, so he might be able to exert pressure to get Tom's case assigned to a court with a lenient judge. I'll call him.

Nate: Good. I'm sure he'll be able to find out the full extent of the charges against Tom. If the lawyer is good, he's probably expensive. Unfortunately, the money Tom will have to expend on defense lawyers could have gone a long way toward paying his son's medical bills.

1. Why is Tom's arrest a surprise?
2. Why does Sarah think he might be guilty?
3. Why did Tom need money?
4. What does "putting the cart before the horse" mean?
5. Do you think the judge should give Tom less punishment considering he stole for a good cause?
6. What is a "white collar crime"?
7. Have you ever had to hire a lawyer in the U.S.? How did you know who to call? Were you shocked by the expense? Were you pleased with the result?
8. It is *ironic* that Tom will have to expend money he could have used to pay his son's medical bills, paying his lawyers. If he had not stolen the money, he wouldn't have to spend money on lawyers and could pay off the medical debts. An ironic situation is one that is unusual or amusing because something unexpected happens. For example, you could say it was ironic that your car was stolen from the police station parking lot. That is the opposite of what you would expect. The police station parking lot should be one of the most crime free locations.

Read these sentences and guess the meaning of the underlined word from the context in the sentence.

1. There was a fire on our block last night. It took hours for the fire fighters to extinguish it.
2. Animal activists fear that elephants may be extinct by the end of the twenty-first century.
3. They made extortionate demands that we felt were absurd. So we told them to go ahead and sue us. We were sure the court would not require we pay their demands.
4. This medicine is for external use only.
5. We had so many roaches in the house, we had to call an exterminator.