

FUMC ESL 1-6-2020 Advanced Lesson

**Introduce yourself** with name, country and occupation. Tell what your city is known for. For example, Austin is known for lots of live music.

**Students: Choose a partner to read the conversations with. Then answer the questions.**

**Jim:** My dad is deeding me his farm so there won't be any trouble over the inheritance.

**Brady:** Why is he doing that? Is he afraid your brother will not honor his will?

**Jim:** I suppose so. My little brother is a drug addict and runs through money like water. My dad is concerned that if he gives my little brother an interest in the property he'll sell it or gamble it away to pay for drugs. Dad really wants the farm to stay in the family. His great grandfather settled on the land in the 1800's.

**Brady:** Does your dad think he might die soon?

**Jim:** He's been in poor health for months. I think he just wants to be prepared for any eventuality. He's afraid if he gives the farm to me in the will, my little brother will hire a lawyer to break the will. But if he deeds the property to me, and I take possession of it before he dies, it would discourage my little brother from fighting his decision.

1. Explain what is happening in this situation.
2. What does Jim mean when he says his father is "deeding" him the farm?
3. If you "honor" something, you respect it. Jim's dad is afraid his younger son won't honor \_\_\_\_\_.
4. Why doesn't Jim's dad want his younger son to inherit the farm?
5. Why does Jim's dad feel so strongly about his farm staying in the family?
6. Would all your siblings honor your parent's wishes in their will, even if some got more money than others?
7. Is it common in your country for land to stay in the same family for generations?
8. Do you worry what will happen to your possessions when you die?
9. Is it important to you that you leave money and property to your kids when you die?
10. What does Jim mean when he says his father wants to be prepared for "any eventuality". Explain the meaning of "eventuality". Here is another sentence with "eventuality". Explain the meaning. "In that eventuality you should just call 911. Don't try to handle the emergency yourself."
11. If there was something you really wanted to inherit from your parents, like a special piece of jewelry or antique furniture, would you tell them in advance or just wait and hope you get it in the will?
12. Have you ever talked to your parents about what they would like to happen at their death? Would you ever have this conversation?
13. Do you or your parents have "a living will".

NOTE: A living will, also called a directive to physicians or advance directive, is a

document that lets people state their wishes for end-of-life medical care, in case they become unable to communicate their decisions. It has no power after death.

**Deb:** Jill loves to keep fresh flowers in her house. It always smells so fragrant when you enter the front door.

**Sandy:** I'm allergic to flowers, but I love to keep aromatic oils in my diffuser. The particles of oil disperse through the air and the whole house smells good. I also find oils helpful in aromatherapy. My mood is much improved by using some aromatic oils.

1. Fresh flowers are fragrant. They have a nice sweet aroma. You could say flowers are aromatic. What other things are aromatic? What do you do to keep your home smelling good?
2. Do you wear cologne or perfume often? Do you like to smell after shave lotion on a man?
3. Many people avoid scented products for fear of allergies. Do you usually buy scented or unscented products?
4. Real estate agents sometimes suggest you bake cookies or burn incense to make your home smell nice before potential buyers come to look at it. Do you think the way a house smells would have an impact on whether you bought a house?

**Ned:** The bank signed their customers up for credit cards without first consulting the customer. It was a flagrant abuse of the customer's trust. Those responsible were eventually fired.

**Karen:** I remember that. It was Wells Fargo that did it, right? It's amazing that the employees engaged in what was such a flagrant breach of trust. They should have been jailed.

**Ned:** Over five thousand employees were fired and Wells Fargo was fined 185 million dollars, so they didn't get off scot free. The banking regulators said these practices showed serious flaws in the internal culture and oversight at Wells Fargo.

**Karen:** I can't believe these employees didn't know what they were doing was wrong!

1. Notice the words "fragrant" and "flagrant" sound very close, but mean very different things. Practice saying both words.
2. What is a flagrant abuse of trust?
3. What happened to those responsible.
4. What does Ned mean when he says, "they didn't get off scot free"?
5. What does "serious flaw" mean?
6. What is meant by "internal culture"? Have you ever worked for a company where the internal culture was one that rewarded dishonesty?
7. What is "oversight"?