

FUMC ESL 2-3-2020 High Intermediate Lesson

Using Suffixes

Suffixes come at the end of words. For example, ANT means a person who does something. A participant is someone who participates. An inhabitant is someone who inhabits or lives in a place. An accountant is a person who does accounting. A cough suppressant is medicine that suppresses or stops your coughing.

Use one of the words for each sentence.

1. respects suspects prospects

My uncle lives up in the mountains and _____ for gold.

Mother _____ my desire to live on my own.

Dad _____ my brother is not telling the truth.

Do your parents respect the choices you make?

2. transport import support

The walls _____ the roof.

Many countries _____ cars from Japan.

The auto companies _____ the cars from the docks to the dealerships.

3. inspect inspection inspecting

You should _____ the building before you buy it.

_____ the building is very important.

An _____ is the best way to know if there are structural problems.

4. workaholic shopaholic alcoholic

Gary works 12 to 15 hours a day. He's a real _____.

Bill drinks several beers every day. He's an _____.

Jenna loves to shop. She's a _____.

Are you more of a workaholic or shopaholic?

5. hopeless speechless tireless

When I learned I had won a scholarship to the university, I was _____.

Mother works so hard for our family. She cooks and cleans and washes. She is always working. She is _____.

I would like to buy a new car, but I don't have a job. I will never be able to buy a car. It is _____.

Do you feel hopeless about anything?

6. careful thoughtful painful

There is a lot of traffic. Be _____ when you cross the street.

Jim always thinks about what I might need. He's a very _____ son.
I had surgery on my hip. It hurt a lot. It was very _____.

What is the most painful thing you remember?

Read these conversations, then answer the questions.

Jon: I asked Maria where she went last night. She told me she didn't go anywhere. She said she was home all night. But I know she lied. I went by her apartment at 9 last night and no one was home. All the lights were out and her car was not in the garage.

Ben: I am surprised that Maria lied. That doesn't sound like her. She is a truthful person. Why did you go to her house?

Jon: I called her for about two hours and she didn't answer her phone. Maria always answers her phone. I was fearful that she had been in an accident. So I went by her house to check on her.

Ben: You and Maria are still engaged aren't you?

Jon: Yes. At least I think we are. That's what bothers me. Is she meeting some other guy? That would be a shameful thing if she was dating someone else while she was engaged to me. I can't believe she would betray me. But if she is innocent, why would she lie to me?

Ben: You have a birthday in a week don't you?

Jon: Yes. Why do you ask that?

Ben: Do you think she may be planning a surprise party and she doesn't want you to know about it? Maybe she was off shopping for things for a surprise party last night.

Jon: Oh, that explains everything, a surprise party. What a nice thing to do for me!

Explain this conversation. Who is a truthful person? What would be shameful? Why was Jon fearful?

Maria: I'm so mad at Jon.

Tanya: Why? What did he do to make you mad. He's usually such a thoughtful guy.

Maria: Well, yesterday I fell and twisted my ankle. It hurt really badly. My foot was swollen and painful. So I went to bed really early. Jon was worried about me and came by my apartment. All the lights were out because I was asleep. He checked the garage and my car was gone. So he freaked out and decided I was out with another man. When I tried to tell him I was home, he got mad and told me I was not being truthful with him.

Tanya: Why was your car gone?

Maria: My car was in the shop. I told Jon I left it at the shop to be repaired. But Jon is very forgetful. He probably doesn't remember that.

Tanya: Does he think you are seeing someone else?

Maria: I don't know. He wouldn't give me a chance to explain. He kept saying that I was lying. I tried to call him later, but he wouldn't answer his phone. He's being spiteful.

Explain this conversation. Who is usually thoughtful? What was painful? Who is forgetful? Who is being spiteful?

Maria: Jon, it's Maria. I want to explain what happened last night.

Jon: Don't worry about it Maria. Ben spilled the beans. I know all about the surprise party.

Maria: What surprise party?

Jon: You don't have to cover it up. I know you're planning a big surprise party for my birthday next week.

Maria: Ben told you I was planning a surprise party!

Jon: Yeah. Don't be mad at Ben. He was just explaining why you lied to me about where you were last night. You didn't want to ruin the surprise.

Maria: But I ...

Jon: Don't worry about it one bit. I'm so happy you are planning to surprise me with a big party.

Maria: But you told me you don't like surprise parties.

Jon: Well, I never thought I wanted a surprise party, but after Ben told me you had been shopping for the party, I thought about it and decided it would be fun. I'm so thankful to have such a loving girlfriend.

Maria: But Jon, I wasn't shopping for a surprise party. I was in bed. I sprained my ankle and it was painful, so I put an ice pack on it and went to bed at about 8 o'clock. That's why all the lights were out when you came by.

Jon: Oh, I'm so sorry. I hate it that you got hurt and I wasn't there to help. Why didn't you call me?

Maria: I knew you would want to come over if you knew I was hurt. You told me how much you were looking forward to visiting with your brother last night. So I decided I wouldn't tell you. I didn't answer your phone calls because I knew you could tell by my voice that I was in pain.

Jon: Don't worry. It's just a silly misunderstanding. Does this mean I won't get a surprise party?

Maria: Of course not, Jon. I think a surprise party is a great idea.

Explain what is happening in this conversation. What is Jon thankful for?

Maria: That Ben! I could kill him.

Tanya: Why, what happened?

Maria: Ben told Jon that I was probably out shopping for a surprise birthday party for Jon. And Jon believed that and is all excited about his surprise birthday party. Now, I've got to plan a party for him. I thought we would just have a quiet birthday dinner at a nice restaurant. Jon isn't usually the party type. But he's excited about a party now, so I have to get busy and plan it.

Tanya: Don't worry. I'll help. And we should make Ben help since he's the one who started all of this.

Maria: Great idea. I'll call him now.

Explain what is happening in this conversation. What was Maria originally planning for Jon's birthday? Why should Ben help with party planning?

Have you ever planned a surprise party or had a surprise party? How was it. Do you like being surprised?