

FUMC ESL 2-20-2020 High Intermediate Lesson

Pronunciation: Practice these word pairs

desk - disk	dead - did	belt - built	fell - fill	head - hid	left - lift	mess - miss
bed - bid	beg - big	bell - bill	check - chick	gem - gym	hell- hill	wet - wait
bread - braid	fell - fail	get - gate	pen - pain	rest- raced	sell - sale	tech - take

Present continuous verbs can be used to talk about things you do all the time. The adverbs used in these sentences include, continually, constantly, always, forever, et al. Sometimes the adverb will come in the middle of the present continuous verb. EX: are forever asking for money. Fill in the blanks with a present continuous verb.

EX: (ask) **A:** Can I borrow ten dollars? **B:** You are forever asking to borrow money.

(eat) 1. **A:** Phone me at six. **B:** No, we _____ usually _____ dinner at that time.

(play - sleep) 2. **A:** They _____ constantly _____ loud music late at night. **B:** I don't hear them because I go to bed early. So by the time they play loud music, I _____ already _____.

(complain) 3. **A:** I can't read your letter. **B:** You _____ always _____ about my handwriting.

(criticize) 4. **A:** Don't pull in so close to the curb. **B:** You _____ constantly _____ my driving.

(change) 5. **A:** I think I'll wait and go to the store tomorrow. **B:** You _____ continually _____ your mind.

(offer) 6. **A:** Jim is such a nice boy. **B:** Yes, he _____ always _____ to help in the kitchen.

(cause - arrest) 7. **A:** The students _____ frequently _____ trouble at night. **B:** Yes, the police _____ sometimes _____ students if they are out on the streets past curfew.

(insist) 8. **A:** Why don't the parents keep their kids in after curfew? **B:** The parents _____ always _____ it isn't their child causing trouble.

Read the conversation twice, then answer the questions.

Dari: Susan is very ambitious. She is so ambitious, she puts her job before her family.

Nadine: I can't imagine that is true. I'm sure she loves her children.

Dari: I know it's true. She admitted it. She stood before our staff and said she would do anything to advance in her job, even if it meant sacrificing her family. She thinks she's a bad mother and her children would be better off with their father. So she's quite content to ignore the children and spend all her time at work.

Nadine: Poor kids. I'm sure they miss their mother.

1. Who are Dari and Nadine talking about?
2. What did Susan admit?
3. What is the most important thing for Susan?
4. Do Dari and Nadine approve of Susan putting her job before her family?
5. Which of these statements do you agree with?
6. a-When a man is ambitious, everyone thinks it's great. But when a woman is ambitious, they dislike her for it.
7. b-Women should never put their job before their family.
8. Some couples find it works well for the wife to work outside the home while the husband stays home to care for the kids. Is this common in your country?
9. Many parents find it is less expensive for one parent to stay at home with the kids. That's because day care is very expensive in this country. Is it expensive in your country? Do both parents work in most families?

The Listing Game

Teachers: Below are 8 phrasal verbs. Go around the circle asking each student to list an item. This exercise should move quickly. If a student gets stuck and can't say an answer quickly, move to the next student. When you run out of things to list, move on to the next phrasal verb. Before you start, make sure they understand the item to be listed, as they might not understand some of the phrasal verbs.

List things that you...

1. use up quickly
2. turn on when you first get home
3. turn off when you go to bed
4. talk over with your spouse before making a decision
5. put off as long as possible
6. hang up
7. watch out for
8. ought to do