

FUMC ESL 4-9-2020 Online Lesson

You may have heard this: "Support your local restaurants by getting **takeout**." What does that mean? Do you have a favorite restaurant for **takeout**? Below are some examples of other expressions with **take**.

1-Normally, we enjoy **taking some time out** from work to enjoy our family. But now that we are forced to take some time out, it doesn't seem as fun.

Do you or your spouse like working from home? Will you or they be sorry to go back to work?

2-We are normally in a rush, hurrying from place to place. But now, we can **take our time**. There isn't as much to do, so we can **spend time** with our families.

Are you enjoying all the extra family time? Some people say they are having too much family time. Their family is getting on their nerves. Do you ever feel like this?

3-We **take out** the trash and **take out** food from restaurants. But if we're feeling angry and frustrated, we might **take it out on** our family. What do you think this means? Do you ever take out your frustration on your family?

4-It is really hard to **take in** what is happening in the world right now. Every day the news changes. Should we wear a mask or not? Should we go outside for exercise or not? Should we go to church or not? It's a lot to **take in**. The meaning here is to completely understand something. Are you having a hard time **taking in** all the different messages?

5-Before the coronavirus hit, very few people ever wore masks. In fact, if we saw someone wearing a mask, we might do a **double take**. When you see something surprising or a little shocking, you **take a second look**. That is a **double take**. Now we are used to seeing people wearing masks, so we don't do a double take.

6-If you **take something literally**, you follow the exact wording of the instructions. So, for example, if you are told to shelter in place, you might decide that you could not move from the place you are. But what is meant by shelter in place is to stay home as much as possible and avoid unnecessary trips away from your home. You do not have to stay inside. You can go to the grocery store or run essential errands. You can go outside for walks or runs as long as you stay away from other people. So we don't **take it literally**.

7-If you can laugh when someone makes a joke about you, then you can **take a joke**. My husband is a lawyer. Many people have a very low opinion of lawyers. They think lawyers don't care about their clients, only about making money. So when people find out my husband is a lawyer, they tell him lawyer jokes.

For example:

A man went to a lawyer and asked what his fee was. "\$100 for three questions," answered the lawyer. "Isn't that a little steep?" said the man. "Yes," said the lawyer. "Now, what's your third question?"

My husband can **take a joke**, so he always laughs.

Do people tease lawyers in your country? Is teasing common in your culture?

8-If you get someones **take** on something, you get their opinion or advice. EX: Someone might say, "What is your take on social distancing? Is it really necessary?"

How do you feel when you see people are not social distancing in a public place?

9-You are running out of toilet paper , rice and milk. Your kids are bored and are running screaming through the house. Your husband is yelling at you to make the children be quiet so he can have a Zoom meeting. You say, "I just **can't take this** anymore." What do you mean?

What's the first thing you want to do once we don't have to shelter in place?

10-Most people will not **take advantage of** others, especially in a crisis like this one. But there are always a small number of people who will **take advantage**. For example, at the beginning of the coronavirus crisis, a man realized that people were going to need to buy hand sanitizer, masks, rubber gloves and cleaning supplies. So he got a big truck and drove all over his area buying up all these items. Then he posted them online at prices ten times the normal value. He was clearly taking advantage of people who needed these items.

Do you hear of people doing this in your country?

Footnote: After the New York Times published an article about this man, he was deluged with hate mail and death threats. The state government opened an investigation for price gouging against the man. Amazon suspended his permit to sell on Amazon. Under this pressure, the man decided to donate all the hand sanitizer and other goods he bought.

This weekend is Easter weekend. It is the biggest holiday in the Christian calendar. Here are some Easter facts.

Today is called Maundy Thursday. This is the day of the Last Supper when Jesus had his last meal with his disciples. Maundy has the same meaning as holy. At the Last Supper, Jesus insisted on washing the feet of his disciples. Some churches continue this practice with the pastor washing the feet of the congregation.

Tomorrow, Friday, is Good Friday. It is the day Jesus was crucified. Why do we call it Good Friday if it was the day Jesus was killed? The origins of this term aren't known. Some people think "good" is a corruption of "God". So it's really God Friday. But most linguists believe the word "good" here means "holy". So, it is Holy Friday. Some Christians believe this day was "good" because it is the day Jesus sacrificed his life for us. So it is the beginning of God's grace for Christians. Good Friday is traditionally a day of sadness and fasting, though most Methodists don't fast.

Easter Sunday is a day of joy because Christ has risen. We attend church. Many people dress up in special new clothing for this day. New clothing is traditional because this is the beginning of a new age. This year, we will be celebrating Easter at home watching online services. We won't be buying new clothes.

Easter eggs and the Easter bunny are old pagan traditions which were part of a celebration of spring and renewal. The winter was over and the spring was celebrated with signs of fertility such as bunnies and eggs. We include both Christian and pagan traditions in our celebrations. So we go to church, have a big meal and hide Easter eggs for the kids to find.