

## FUMC ESL 4-16-2020 ONLINE LESSON

1. In the book Kathy read on Monday, there was a phrase, "her hands were worn." In this sense, the word "worn" is an adjective. It describes the condition of her hands. The hands belonged to an old grandmother who lived on a farm. She had probably worked hard her whole life and her hands showed it. They were probably wrinkled and callused and might have had scars from little cuts or burns.

Note: A callus is a thicker, tougher part of your skin that usually comes from work. EX: My grandfather was a farmer. His hands were tough and callused from digging and ploughing. His hands were worn.

2. The word "worn" is also used as the past participle of the verb "wear". Read these sentences: I **wear** sandals a lot. I **wore** sandals all week. I have **worn** sandals since I was a young girl. Practice pronouncing wear - wore - worn.

3. Say the words "worn" and "warn". They sound very close. Say these word pairs below. See if you can hear the slight difference in the vowel sound.

worn warn  
warm worm  
worse wove  
wore war

4. When we are talking about something that has been used so much that it is ragged (old, torn), we use the phrasal verb "worn out". EX: These are my favorite shoes. I wear them all the time. I have worn them so much they are worn out. I might have to throw them away. *Do you have any favorite things that you have worn out from continued use?*

5. Things can also "wear away". EX: We couldn't read the words on the old sign because over time the letters had worn away. In other words, they had faded until they weren't readable. *Do you have anything that is valuable because it is so old?*

6. We can "wear down" someone by continually insisting on what we want. EX: I told my children they could not play video games while we were quarantined. But they just kept asking and begging to play. Finally, they wore me down and I told them they could play. *Do your family, your friends or your children "wear you down" sometimes and make you change your mind?*

7. If we take medicine, the effects of the drug will "wear off" after a few hours. EX: The pharmacist said this medicine might make me dizzy after I take it, but that the dizziness would wear off after a while.

8. Another word from Monday's lesson is "strode". Strode is the past tense of stride and means to walk with quick, long steps. If you stride into a room, you walk with purpose. For example, if the kids were in another room making noise and misbehaving, you might stride into

the room and tell them to behave. EX: The policeman strode into the room and took control of the situation.

9, But "stride" is used more frequently as a noun. It can mean a long step that you take when you walk. EX: He was a tall man with long legs and a long stride so he was a fast walker. You can "make strides" toward achieving something. This means you make progress. EX: We have made great strides towards women's equality. And you can "take it in stride" which means to deal with a problem without becoming upset. EX: We thought the students would be upset when told they could not have graduation exercises this year, but they seem to have taken it in stride.

*Name something in which your country is making strides.*

*Are you taking the current quarantine in stride, or does it make you very upset?*

10. Another word from the Monday lesson is "penned". Penned can mean one of two things. If you write a letter, you pen a letter. EX: She penned a letter to grandmother asking her to visit. But penned can also mean to put in a pen. EX: They penned the pigs and the chickens in separate pens. The policemen penned the rioters in the corner of the stadium so they couldn't escape.

Read this conversation and answer the questions.

**Jack:** I **penned** a letter to grandpa last week asking him to come visit. I hope he'll say yes.

**Andrea:** I was with grandpa yesterday when he opened his mail. He **beamed** when he read your letter. He was so happy that you had invited him. He stood **fingering** the letter for several minutes.

**Jack:** I heard he had a wreck in his truck. I hope that won't prevent his coming.

**Andrea:** He did have a minor accident, but we **surveyed** the damage and decided it was not bad enough to prevent him driving. He just dented the bumper a bit.

**Jack:** Do you think he'll leave his vegetable garden long enough to visit me?

**Andrea:** He does love his garden, but he has **gathered** most of the vegetables in already. There are only a few **overripe** tomatoes left on the vine.

**Jack:** He could ask Uncle Joe to look after the garden while he is with us.

**Andrea:** I'm not sure Uncle Joe would do it. He's not much of a gardener. He **growled** and grumbled last time I asked him to look after my potted plants.