

FUMC ESL 8-13-2020 High Beginning and Low Intermediate Online Lesson

Introduce yourself. Tell where you are from and where you live now. Answer this question:
Do you get nervous if you ride in a car with someone else driving?

New words from the story below.

1-When you **approach** something or someone, you get close to it. EX: The man **approached** the front door. The officer **approached** my car. As I **approached** the intersection, I slowed down. As the wedding date **approaches**, he gets more nervous.

2-An **intersection** is where two roads come together. EX: There is a light at the **intersection**. This is a busy **intersection**, so be careful.

3-If someone asks you for **proof**, they want to see something that proves a fact. A passport is **proof** of your citizenship. A **proof** of insurance is a piece of paper from your insurance agent that proves you have insurance. In Texas, you must carry proof of insurance in your car. Is this true in your country?

More Stories Plus Lesson 5 - A Speeding Ticket

Hal is waiting in his car at a red light. He is in a big hurry because he needs to be at work in 10 minutes. Finally the light turns green. Hal begins to drive faster.

Now Hal is driving 45 miles per hour. The speed limit on this street is 35. Hal approaches another intersection. The light is yellow. Hal presses the gas pedal and goes through the intersection at 50 miles per hour. "I made it!" says Hal.

Hal looks in his rearview mirror. He sees a flashing light. "Oh, no," he says. It's a police car. Hal pulls over to the side of the road. The officer gets out of his car and comes to Hal's window.

"May I see your license and proof of insurance?" asks the police officer.

"Of course, Officer," says Hal. "Is there a problem?"

"Yes, there is. You were driving 15 miles an hour over the speed limit."

"I'm sorry," says Hal. "I'll never do that again."

"Good," says the officer. "It isn't safe."

"I agree," says Hal. "It isn't safe to speed when a police officer is watching you."

1. Where is Hal waiting?
2. Why is Hal in a hurry?
3. What is the speed limit on this street?
4. How fast is Hal driving?
5. What does Hal do when the light turns yellow?
6. What does Hal see in his rearview mirror?
7. What does the policeman ask to see?
8. Does the officer give Hal a ticket?

On Monday we talked about the word **infer** and **inference**. When you infer, you make decisions about things based on what you observe. For example, if you see someone take a

bite of food, then make a bad face, you **infer** they didn't like the food. If someone slams the door loudly, you can **infer** they are angry.

What can you **infer** about Hal? (choose as many as you think are correct) Explain your answers.

a-He did not leave home in time to get to work on time.

b-Hal thinks it is OK to speed if you are in a hurry.

c-Hal probably has a girlfriend.

d-Hal is rude.

e-Hal is very handsome.

f-Hal has gotten many speeding tickets.

That's Life Lesson 3 A Traffic Jam

It's 7:45 A.M. Peter is driving to work. It's only a ten minute drive. But sometimes there is a lot of traffic at rush hour. Peter slows down. There are cars ahead. Then he stops completely. He can't go forward. He can't go back. He is stuck in a terrible traffic jam.

A man on a motorcycle passes Peter's car. "Riding a motorcycle is faster than driving," thinks Peter. A woman on a bicycle passes Peter's car. "Riding a bicycle is faster than driving," thinks Peter. A man jogging on the sidewalk passes Peter's car. "Jogging is faster than driving," thinks Peter. A woman walking her dog on the sidewalk passes Peter's car. Now Peter is angry. He hits the steering wheel. "This is ridiculous!" he shouts. "Walking a dog is faster than driving."

Finally the police arrive to help clear the traffic jam. Peter can drive again, but he is thirty minutes late for work. Peter's co-worker, Ramon, asks, "What happened? Did you walk to work?"

"No," said Peter. "But I will walk tomorrow. Believe me, it's faster than driving."

1. What is rush hour?
2. What is a traffic jam?
3. Who passes Peter while he is stopped?
4. Why is Peter angry?
5. Who clears the traffic jam?
6. How late is Peter?
7. What does Peter say he will do tomorrow?

Derek: Myron you have a terrible sense of direction. You get lost a lot. And you hate asking for directions. You think asking for directions is embarrassing. Tonight I'm having a party at my apartment. Call me for directions before you leave.

Myron: I'm sure I can find it.

Derek: No, Myron. Call me for directions. Do not try to find it on your own.

Myron goes online. He puts Myron's address in GoogleMaps. Myron prints out the directions from GoogleMaps. Now Myron has very clear directions. They tell him what roads to take. They tell him exactly where to turn and which way to turn. They even tell him how much time it will take.

Right on time Myron arrives at Derek's apartment. Myron knocks on the door, but there is no answer. Myron calls Derek on his cell phone.

Derek: Where are you, Myron?

Myron: I'm at your apartment. But no one is here.

Derek: I told you to call me for directions!

Myron: I know. But I know your address. I knew I could find your apartment. I used GoogleMaps

Derek: I told you to call me because I don't live in my old apartment any more. Last week I moved to a new apartment. That's why I told you to call me.

1-A person with a good sense of direction knows where they are all the time. They know which direction they are going. They know how to find things. Who has a bad sense of direction in this story? Do you have a good sense of direction? Do you get lost a lot? Are you embarrassed to ask for directions?

2-Myron goes online for directions. He uses GoogleMaps. Do you get directions online when you travel? Do you ever use a paper map?

3-Myron arrives at Derek's apartment, but Derek is not at home. Why not?

4-Do you think Derek tricked Myron? Should Derek have told Myron he moved?

5-Myron arrived right on time to Derek's old apartment. Do you usually arrive right on time, early or late?

Discuss:

1-An **instructor** is another word for teacher. Someone who instructs you is an **instructor**. Did you have a **driving instructor** teach you to drive? Or did a family member or friend instruct you? Is it better to have a driving instructor or a family member teach you to drive?

2-A **crosswalk** is an area for **pedestrians** to walk. A pedestrian is someone that is walking. You must stop if there is a person in the crosswalk. Usually there are crosswalks at the intersections. In your country are there crosswalks at the intersections?

3-If someone hits a person or another car and doesn't stop, that is called a **hit and run** accident. It is **illegal** to hit and run. If you are in an accident, you must stop. If you hit someone or something you must stop. You must show identification and proof of insurance. If someone is injured, you must call 911. If there is little damage, you do not have to call the police. You

must exchange information with the other person. If you don't stop, you can be arrested. You don't have to stop if you see an accident, but aren't part of it. However, it is polite to stop. Someone might be **injured**. The police might need a **witness** to say what happened.

4-What traffic laws are different in your country than in the United States?