

FUMC ESL Low Intermediate Lesson Life Goes On Lesson 9 A Clothing Donation

Introduce yourself. Tell where you are from and where you live now. Answer this question: Do you wear clothes that you have had for ten years or more?

Vocabulary: donate, donation, condition, thrifty, thrift shop, charity

Read these conversations and sentences to help you understand the vocabulary words.

Tim: Sir, would you like to **donate** to the food bank?

Todd: What is a food bank?

Tim: The food bank is a **charity**. It is a place where poor people can get free food. People **donate** canned or boxed food. We keep it in the food bank. When poor people need food, we give it to them.

Todd: That sounds like a good **charity**. I'll **donate** to the food bank. But I don't have any food with me. Can I **donate** money?

Tim: Yes, sure. Money is a good **donation**. The food bank buys diapers and baby food for new mothers with the money people **donate**.

Todd: Here's fifty dollars.

Tim: Wow. That's great. Thanks so much for your donation.

Todd: You're welcome. Thanks for running a **charity** for poor people.

1. What is a food bank?
2. Did Todd donate food to the food bank?
3. What does the food bank buy with cash donations?
4. How much does Todd donate?

These roads are in bad **condition**. There are big holes. They need to be fixed.

The poor children live in bad **conditions**. Their houses are small and dirty. They don't have enough food.

Les: You should bring your dad to the picnic. He would enjoy it.

Linda: My dad is not in good **condition**. He can barely walk. He has a bad heart **condition**. He doesn't have any energy. His **condition** is bad. He could not come to a picnic.

Is Linda's dad in good condition? What is wrong with him? Will Linda bring her dad to the picnic?

My wife is very **thrifty**. She looks for sales. She saves coupons. She is able to buy good food at cheap prices. She saves money by shopping carefully. She buys the children's clothing at the **thrift store**. The **thrift store** has used clothing that people have donated. She finds nice clothes and shoes for the kids. Sometimes they are almost new.

How does his wife save money? Where does she shop for the kids clothes? Have you ever shopped at a thrift store? Have you ever donated to a thrift store?

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Midori opens her bedroom closet and puts several pieces of clothing in a large plastic bag: a dress, three blouses, two skirts, and a pair of pants. Then she looks at her husband's clothes. Midori sees Kano's old brown jacket. It's still in good condition. But Midori doesn't like the way Kano looks in this jacket. Besides, Midori bought him a new gray jacket last year. So, Midori puts Kano's brown jacket in the bag. Then she drops off the bag at the thrift store.

The thrift store resells clothing and other usable items. Then they use the money for charity. This charity helps many people. Midori always feels good about donating things she doesn't need.

Two weeks later, Kano opens his closet. "Hmm," he says. "I can't find my brown jacket."

"Oh," says Midori. "I donated it to the thrift store."

"Really?" asks Kano. "But I liked that jacket."

"Well," says Midori, "it's for a good cause. I'm trying to help a great charity. And you have your new gray jacket."

The next day Kano comes home with a shopping bag. "What's in the bag?" asks Midori.

"Oh," says Kano. "I did two things to help a great charity. I went to the thrift store and bought my old brown jacket. Then I donated my gray one."

1. Why doesn't Midori like Kano's old brown jacket?
2. What does Midori do with Kano's brown jacket?
3. How does Kano feel about his brown jacket?
4. What does Kano do at the thrift store?

Choose a word from the word box to fit in the sentence.

resells	use	feels good	helps
puts	sees	doesn't like	drops off

1. Midori _____ Kano's old brown jacket in the closet.
2. Midori _____ the way Kano looks in this jacket.
3. So, Midori _____ Kano's brown jacket in the bag.
4. Then she _____ the bag at the thrift store.
5. The thrift store _____ clothing and other usable items.
6. Then they _____ the money for charity.
7. This charity _____ many people.
8. Midori always _____ about donating things she doesn't need.

Discuss:

1. Have you ever donated your husbands clothes without asking him?
2. Does your husband have clothes that you wish he would donate?
3. Is your mother a thrifty person? Are you thrifty?
4. What are some ways you save money?
5. Are the streets and sidewalks near your house in good condition?

Pronunciation Practice- Homonyms

These words are spelled differently and have different meanings. But they are pronounced the same. Fill in the blank with the correct word.

no - know		acts - ax	allowed - aloud	ant - aunt	ate - eight
bald - bawled	bury - berry	beat - beet	blew - blue	bored - board	cell - sell
cent - scent	chews - choose	dear - deer	die - dye	facts - fax	flower - flour

1. There is (know - no) excuse for being late.
2. You'll need an (acts - ax) to cut down that tree.
3. No girls are (allowed - aloud) in the boys treehouse.
4. There were many tiny (ants - aunts) on the cookies.
5. I can't believe he (ate - eight) the whole cake.
6. The baby (bald - bawled) when the nurse gave her a shot.
7. What kind of (bury - berry) is your favorite?
8. The older boy (beat - beet) the younger one in the race.
9. She (blew - blue) out all the candles on the cake.
10. I was so (bored - board) in class today.
11. Many white blood (cells - sells) in your blood are a sign of infection.
12. The (cent - scent) of those roses is wonderful.
13. I can't (chews -choose) between these two dresses.
14. My Aunt Margaret is such a (dear - deer), sweet lady.
15. If you want to color the white skirt pink, you will need some (die - dye).
16. Can you please (facts - fax) the form to my office?
17. You need (flower - flour) to bake bread.

Everyone answer each question:

1. My favorite piece of clothing is...
2. Do you wear skirts more than pants?
3. My favorite piece of jewelry is...
4. I usually buy my husband's ...
5. Do you make your own clothes?
6. Do you ever wear your husbands shirts?
7. Are tattoos popular in your country?
8. If you could only wear one color of clothing, what color would it be?

9. Are you cold natured or hot natured?
10. How often do you change your hair style?
11. Do you like earrings on men?
12. Do you like to wear really high heels?
13. Name something that people in your country wear that people here don't.