

## FUMC ESL 8-31-2020 High Intermediate and Advanced Online Lesson

Introduce yourself. Tell where you are from and where you live now. Answer this question: One thing I don't understand about American culture is...

These sentences are incorrect. Replace the underlined word with an **infinitive (to + verb)** or **gerund (ing form of verb)**.

EX: I love play golf. I love **to play** golf. OR I love **playing** golf.

1. I decided go to the park.
2. Max avoided use his cell phone when others were in the room.
3. I resent be treated like a child.
4. The farmer finished build his new barn.
5. I'd really like try the new restaurant that just opened.
6. The boy offered carry her books on the way home.
7. The doctor's office forgot send the results of my blood test.
8. You will probably have wait several hours to see the doctor.
9. Mr. Watson asked be included in the festivities.
10. I enjoyed be part of Dr. Well's staff. He's such a great doctor to work for.
11. Heather decided fly was not scary, but a lot of fun.
12. We enjoy shop with friends.

**TIME:** We talk about time with phrases and idioms. We say we have "plenty of time" or "not enough time". We say we started a new job **on** Monday, but **in** March. We work **at** night but **in** the evening. We say, "Give it to me at once," to mean right away. We say, "Give it to me for once," meaning for the first time. We say it rained **for** an hour, but **during** the night.

### Do these sentences mean the same thing?

1. I lived there for ten years.                      I lived there ten years ago.
2. She left her job last week.                      She left her job a week ago.
3. He stayed here for a month.                      He stayed here a month ago.
4. It's quiet here at night.                              It's quiet here during the night.
5. I'm living here for the time being.              I'm living here at this time.
6. I visited there at one time.                        I visit there on occasion.
7. Back then, nurses were poorly paid.            At that time, nurses were poorly paid.
8. Before that, I lived in Seattle.                    Previously, I lived in Seattle.
9. Afterwards, we went to dinner.                  After that, we went to dinner.
10. After a while, I fell asleep.                      Afterwards, I fell asleep.

### Idioms to talk about time: Read and discuss.

**Randi:** I **spend time** with my kids every evening. I know they will grow up fast. I can't believe my oldest daughter is already five years old. It seems like she was just born. **Time flies** when you are raising children.

**Tom:** I know what you mean. My father never spent time with us when we were growing up. He worked all the time. He never had **time to spare** for us. Now he regrets it. He tries to spend time with us now that we are grown. He is trying to **make up for lost time**.

**Randi:** Well, **better late than never**. At least he is trying to spend time with you now.

What does Randi mean when he says it seems is oldest daughter was "just born?" Did your father spend a lot of time with you when you were growing up, or did he work most of the time?

Who did you spend the most time with as a teenager?

**Stella:** My husband and I want to have kids, but it's not **the right time**. My husband has one more year in graduate school. I am in school too. I don't have any time to spare. I could not take care of a baby right now.

**Anita:** **Take your time**. You are both young. There is no hurry. You should **take it one step at a time**. Finish school first. Then get jobs. Then have children.

Do you think Anita is giving good advice? Do you agree that you shouldn't have children when you are going to school?

There is a quote that says, "If you wait until you are **ready** to have children, you will never have them." Do you agree?

**Jordan:** I need to speak to the nurse.

**Receptionist:** The nurse is really busy right now. And the doctor is **pressed for time**. He has a patient in the hospital that he must see.

**Jordan:** I can't wait. I must speak to her right now?

**Receptionist:** Is your problem an emergency?

**Jordan:** Yes, I've **no time to lose**. I am very dizzy. I feel like I might faint. My heart is beating very fast.

**Receptionist:** **Hold on a minute**. I will get the nurse. On second thought, you look very white. I will get the doctor. You might need to go to the hospital.

Why is the doctor pressed for time?

Why does Jordan have no time to lose?

What was the receptionist "second thought"?

**Hayden:** It's **about time** you showed up! Where have you been? I have been waiting for an hour.

**Ty:** I'm sorry. I **lost track of time**. I was reading a really good book. I didn't realize it was already 7 o'clock. Please forgive me.

**Hayden:** You are **just in time** to get in the movie. They are about to close the doors. Come on. There's **no time to lose**. And next time, **be on time!**

Why did Ty lose track of time?

**Kenda:** Hello, Dot. **Long time no see**. How are you?

**Dot:** I'm great. How about you? What are you doing here?

**Kenda:** I'm just **killing time** while my husband finishes a business call. Then we're going to dinner.

**Dot:** I haven't seen you at yoga class **in ages**.

**Kenda:** I **have no time** for yoga these days. I am **working full time** now. I really miss yoga class, though. I wish I had more **spare time**.

**Dot:** Maybe we could go for **happy hour** some time. We could have a glass of wine before you head home.

**Kenda:** That sounds terrific. Call me and we'll **set up a time** to meet.

Why isn't Kenda doing yoga any more?

What does Dot suggest they do?

Do you have more spare time now than before Covid?

A couple of weeks ago, these conversations were on the lesson, but we didn't get time to read them, so I put them back on the today's lesson. If your group did one of them already, skip to the 2nd one.

**Bella:** I'm trying to write my paper, but the barking breaks my concentration. Earlier, it startled me so that I dropped my coffee and broke the cup. It was one of grandmothers. It really broke my heart to see it in pieces.

**Jane:** Should I go over and talk to your neighbor? I'll tell him to keep his dog inside so you can work.

**Bella:** No, don't bother. I can handle it. I just dread having to talk to him. He's so ill-mannered and he is always coming over here to borrow sugar or salt or something. That wouldn't be so bad, but he never bothers to knock. He just walks right in.

**Jane:** That's incredibly rude. You must tell him to stop that. Or lock your doors.

**Bella:** During the summer, I like to keep the doors open. The screen door is closed, of course. But he just shouts that he is coming in and opens it right up.

**Jane:** Maybe you should take a break. You've been working so hard.

**Bella:** That's a good idea. I'll fix some tea. Did you hear Ed and Linda broke up? Poor Linda, her voice broke with emotion when she told me.

**Jane:** Oh no. I knew they were having trouble, but I thought they were working things out.

**Bella:** Apparently Ed told Linda he thought a clean break was best. They shouldn't drag this out.

**Jane:** That's too bad. Ed is very attractive and will find another woman easily. But Linda is so shy, it won't be easy for her to break with the past and move on.

**Bella:** I used to think Ed was quite a catch, but once I heard him talking about politics, it broke the spell.

**Jane:** I don't agree with his politics, but he has been very successful.

**Bella:** He's gotten a lot of lucky breaks. His uncle is in charge of building the new convention center and he's gotten Ed involved with the project. They're breaking ground on it next month.

**Jane:** I wish there was something we could say to comfort Linda. She's so sweet. She doesn't have a mean bone in her body.

**Bella:** Let's call her and ask her to come over. She might want a shoulder to cry on.

1. What is bothering Bella?

2. Why did the broken cup break her heart?
3. Why does Bella dread talking to her neighbor?
4. Who broke up?
5. Who wanted a clean break?
6. Do the women think Linda will find it easy to start a new life without Ed?
7. What does Bella think of Ed?
8. Why has Ed been so successful?
9. Do you think it was mean of Ed to ask Linda for a clean break?
10. What will Jane and Bella do to comfort Linda?
11. What bothers you the most?
12. Which family member bothered you the most when you were young?
13. What is one thing you can easily handle on your own?

**Carey:** Oh no. This can't be happening!

**Sue:** What is it?

**Carey:** We just got an eviction notice from our landlord. We have thirty days to move out.

**Sue:** What! Why is your landlord evicting you?

**Carey:** It's a long story. But basically, our air conditioning stopped working several months ago. The landlord wouldn't fix it. He claimed he couldn't find a repairman. But we think he just didn't want to spring for a new air conditioner. So after a couple of months without air conditioning, we stopped paying rent. After all, we rented an air conditioned apartment. And ours no longer was. We thought not paying rent would force the landlord to buy a new air conditioner. But instead, he's evicting us. This whole situation is really getting me down.

**Sue:** Do you think if you called your landlord you could work this out?

**Carey:** I wouldn't hold my breath. He's not been easy to deal with. He's a cantankerous old man. He didn't want to rent to us to start with because we were "foreigners".

**Sue:** Typically a landlord is required to fix things that are broken. You should call the Austin Tenants Council. They might be able to help you.

**Carey:** I'm afraid to call them. I think they might tell me we don't have a leg to stand on. We should have kept paying our rent.

**Sue:** Not necessarily. Call and talk to them. But also, you should look on the bright side. You can rent a new apartment that is air conditioned.

1. What is the problem?
2. Do you think Carey acted wisely when she stopped paying rent?
3. How does Carey feel about the situation?
4. Describe the landlord. Why did the landlord not want to rent to them in the first place?
5. Have you ever felt discriminated against since being in the U.S.?
6. What is the good thing about being evicted?
7. Have you ever had a hard time with your landlord?