

## FUMC ESL 9-10-2020 High Intermediate and Advanced Online Lesson

Introduce yourself. Tell where you are from and where you live now. Last week we learned the word meddle. Meddle means to interfere in someone's business. Do you have any relatives that meddle in your affairs? What do you say to someone who is meddling in your business?

### Read and Discuss

1. Sally spoke to the surgeon after her mother's surgery. The surgeon said that her mother, "will probably pull through, but is not out of the woods yet". What did the surgeon mean? The doctor encouraged Sally to have a physical, because her mother's heart condition, "runs in families". Should Sally be alarmed? What are some examples of disease that runs in families? Are you aware of any disease that runs in your family?
2. Jeff went on a ski trip with a bunch of his college friends. It was an all men trip, so none of the wives were invited. The following summer, Jeff's wife, Jill, planned a trip to a beach resort with a few of her girlfriends. Jeff was upset that Jill was going on vacation without him. Jill said "What's good for the goose is good for the gander." What did Jill mean? Do you think it was right for Jill to plan an all women trip? Is it OK for a married couple to take separate vacations? Would you go on an all women trip to a resort if you were invited? Would you be angry if your husband went on an all men vacation without you?
3. Bev has two small children. She is worried that the kids won't be able to get into a good college. Her mother tells her: "Don't worry about that now. You can cross that bridge when you come to it." What does Bev's mother mean? Do you think Bev is right to worry about this when the children are young? Do you think parent's worry too much about their children being successful?
4. James and Jackie have been married for a year now. Before they were married, James played poker with his buddies once a week. James loves poker and enjoys the time spent with the guys. But Jackie feels like now that they are married, James should give up his poker nights. Jackie's mother says: "Old habits die hard." What does she mean? Do you agree with Jackie that James should give up his old habits? Have you ever faced a problem like this?
5. Pat and Kate live in a high crime neighborhood. When they first moved in, they were diligent about locking their doors and windows before they left the house. They always left outside lights on at night. And they set their security alarm. But after a few years with no problems, they got a little lackadaisical. They stopped leaving on lights and didn't always check to see that the doors and windows were locked. One night their house was broken into. The robbers took their TV, computers and lots of other valuables. Pat and Kate are sad that they "let their guard down". What does this mean? Have you ever let your guard down, then regretted it.
6. Lee was asked to his boss' home for dinner. The other employees were excited to hear about it the next day. They had heard that the boss had a very expensive and beautiful home. They wanted to hear all about it from Lee. Lee's comment was: "Well, it was nice and obviously expensive, but it wasn't to my taste." What did Lee mean by this comment? What is your taste? Do you like modern or traditional design? Do you prefer bright colors or black and white design? Is your parent's home decorated to your taste? Are the American homes you have visited decorated to your taste?
7. Jane's son has an immune system disorder. He is susceptible to illness. At Thanksgiving the family was gathered for dinner. Jane discovered that her sister's daughter had a cold. The child was coughing and had a runny nose. She even had a slight fever. Jane was mad that her sister had brought a sick child to the family gathering. She asked her sister to take her daughter home. Her sister said, "Not on your life. I've been looking forward to this for weeks." Who is right in this situation? What would you have done if

you were Jane? Have you ever faced a similar situation? Do mothers often bring sick children to daycare or school?

### **Preposition: UNDER**

1. Do you usually drive under the speed limit or over? Which practice annoys you most in other drivers?
2. Do you have any children under the age of ten? What is one thing people over the age of 60 should not do?
3. Have you ever worked under a boss who encouraged you to think for yourself?
4. Under what circumstances would you agree to live permanently in the US?
5. Is under-aged drinking a problem in your country? Did you drink alcohol before the legal age? Did your parents ever serve you alcohol before you were of a legal age? Is it OK for parents to allow their teenagers to drink alcohol at home even though they aren't of legal age?
6. Do you know anyone who has been arrested for driving under the influence of drugs or alcohol? What do you think is an appropriate punishment for such a person...should they lose their license, be placed in jail, be fined?
7. We all smile when we see friends. But sometimes we are hiding heartache underneath our smile. Talk about a time when you hid your heartache underneath a smile.
8. It took me years, but I finally got out from under my college debt. I had to get several loans to finish my PhD. I thought I would never be able to pay it all off. But at last I'm free of that debt. Is it common in your country to finish school with a lot of debt? Does the government help pay for college? Are there scholarships available?

### **English Usage**

A: I love cheesecake.

B: Me too.

A: I don't like fried chicken

B: Me too.

This conversation is fine until the last line. When you agree with a positive statement, "Me, too" is the correct response. However, when you agree with a negative statement, the correct reply is "me neither" or "neither do I" or "I don't either."

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A: She doesn't like me.

B: She doesn't like me neither.

Is this a correct response? No, it should be, "She doesn't like me either."

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Me neither or Me either? Grammarians disagree. "Me either" did not use to be acceptable as a response to a negative statement. However, "me either" has become more common in spoken speech than "Me neither." So, you should be fine replying with either one.

Read these short conversations and tell if the response is correct. Correct if it is not correct.

1. Which one would you like?

Either one is fine?

2. Which ice cream would you like, chocolate or vanilla?

Neither one, thanks. I don't eat ice cream.

3. I don't like fish.

I don't like it neither.

4. I'm from Paris.

So was I.

5. I'm studying English.

Me, too.

6. I spent the summer at home.

So did I.

7. I'd like to learn how to cook.

So did I.

8. I wouldn't recommend that restaurant.

Neither have I.

**Discuss:**

1. What months do most people in your country go on vacation?
2. Which month is the hottest in your country?
3. Normally school is in session which months?
4. How many days a week do you have English classes?
5. How many days a week do most people work in your country?
6. Do children attend school on Saturday in your country?
7. What is a date that is very important to you?
8. Would you be mad if everyone forgot your birthday?