

## FUMCESL 9-13-2020 High Intermediate and Advanced Online Lesson

**Introduce yourself: Tell where you are from and where you live now. What is a date that is very important to you?**

**Pronounce these word pairs:**

ladder - letter	later - letter	leader - letter	lots - lets
loser - looser	real - rail	kneel - nail	late - let
choose - juice	dead - deal	biscuit - basket	deuce - does

**Explain the meaning of these paragraphs in your own words.**

1. Because of her generosity, I was able to finish school. I'm forever indebted to her for providing me a scholarship. She paid all of my expenses out of her own pocket. What is the most generous thing anyone has ever done for you?

2. Becky is generous to a fault. She gives away so much of her own money that sometimes she can't even buy food at the end of the month. Is it possible to be too generous or generous to a fault?

3. Her children are so out of control that I won't invite them to my home. They know we aren't happy with the way she raises her children. The children have no rules or manners and run through your home recklessly. Last time they were here, they opened my freezer and got out a tub of ice cream. They ate a few spoonfuls out of it, then left it on the counter to melt. It took me an hour to clean up the mess after they left. To my delight, they have hired a nanny. The nanny couldn't do any worse than the parents do. Hopefully she will civilize them. Have you ever had uncivilized children in your home? Is it OK to correct them if their parents aren't?

4. Matt hates to speak in public, but he rose to the occasion and delivered a wonderful eulogy for his dad. His dad would have been so proud of Matt. Matt has struggled with a speech impediment all his life, but he was able to stand up in front of everyone and talk about his dad. It shows how much Matt loved his dad. Talk about a time when you might have been afraid, but conquered your fears and rose to the occasion.

5. During the meeting, a member of the audience directed a question to the director of the non-profit organization. The question was how much of the money collected actually went to supporting the cause. The director explained that only 60% of the money raised went to the cause. He claimed that the organization had high overhead. There was a large staff and many expenses. The audience pressed the director to explain why the overhead was so high. The director hemmed and hawed but never really answered the question. The audience grew restless and several stood to leave. It's fair to say the director did not come off well. There are various ways to check on how much a charity actually spends on their cause. Is it important to you that you know that before donating?

6. I realize that you don't like money taken out of your paycheck each month, but the government requires we withhold a certain amount for taxes. We also deduct \$300 for health insurance. That may seem high, but it's good insurance and is to your benefit to purchase the health insurance the company offers. If you

had to purchase insurance on your own, it would be more expensive. How does this work in your country? Are taxes automatically deducted from your check? Does a company provide health insurance?

7. My mom says I should get out more, but I don't know anyone here. She insists there are newcomers clubs I could join. But I don't care to go out with a bunch of strangers. Staying home alone is preferable to going out with a bunch of people I hardly know. My mother is a social animal. She never meets a stranger. She can make herself at home in any group. She is at ease in social situations and everyone thinks she is so funny and charming. I wish I could do that, but I'm inherently shy. Putting myself out there is just too painful. Which one of these personality types are you the most like? Are you different than others in your family in this regard? Have you ever tried a newcomers club?

### 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.

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.