

FUMC ESL 10-15-2020 Low Intermediate and High Beginning Online Lesson

Introduce yourself. Tell where you are from and where you live now.

How do you feel about poetry? Do you like it? Do you write it? Well today we will open with a short poem. Read it. Give a short summary in your own words. Think back to your days in school. How did YOU behave when the teacher wasn't looking. What did the bad kids do when the teacher wasn't looking? Did you ever fall asleep in class? Practice reading this a few times. Poetry helps you learn the rhythm of English speech. Listen to the rhythm as the teacher reads it.

When the Teacher Isn't Looking

*When the teacher's back is turned, we never scream and shout.
Never do we drop our books and try to freak her out.*

*No one throws a pencil at the ceiling of the class.
No one tries to hit the fire alarm and break the glass.*

*We don't cough in unison and loudly clear our throats.
No one's shooting paper wads or passing little notes.*

*She must think we're so polite, we never make a peep.
Really, though, it's just because we all go right to sleep.*

The lower level class is learning about phrases with the word LOOK. So I thought we should learn a few as well. This is a mix of easy ones and hard ones. Read and summarize the statement. Then explain the meaning of the bold phrase.

1-**Look up** can be used two ways. You can literally look up at the sky. But you can also look something up in a dictionary.

Do you look up English words often? Do you use a book or an online app? What's the last word you looked up?

2-When you **look back on** your childhood, what feelings do you have?

3-When would you give someone **a dirty look**?

4-Our teacher was very nice. She didn't like to fuss at us all the time. So, if someone made a little mistake, she'd **look the other way** and pretend she didn't notice.

Do you ever let your children get away with small misbehavior by looking the other way? Why?

5-Explain what someone does who **looks down on you**.

6- When you are always looking over your shoulder, you are anxious or paranoid. You think people are trying to catch you for doing something wrong. EX: The man who stole the money from the bank succeeded in leaving the country. He lived in Mexico for several months. Finally he turned himself in because he said he was tired of **looking over his shoulder**. Every time he saw a policeman or even a regular citizen staring at him, he was worried that he was about to get caught. He couldn't live in peace. He turned himself in and served his time in jail.

7-**Don't look now**, but the teacher is coming this way. Do you think she suspects we stole the pens off her desk?

When we are at a restaurant, my husband is always saying, "Don't look now, but there is a really funny looking couple behind you." Of course, once he says this, it's almost impossible not to look. Has this ever happened to you?

8-Sara, I'm not saying don't get married to Jack. I just want you to **look before you leap**. You have only known him a few weeks. You don't know much about him at all. He could be a serial killer for all you know.

Do you think this is good advice for him or his family, what would you advise her?

9-I could tell the students didn't understand the idiom lesson. They all gave me **blank looks**. No one seemed to get the meaning.

Good teachers learn to look for a blank look on the student's faces. A blank look lets the teacher know the students don't understand. How often do you NOT understand parts of the ESL lesson? If you don't understand, do you stop the teacher and ask questions or do you just have a blank look?

10-Those kids are trespassing on my property. They are up to no good. They are just **looking for trouble**. I'm going to tell them to get out of here.

11-My aunt broke her hip and couldn't ride anymore, so she gave my daughter her bike. My daughter didn't want Aunt Mary's bike. She said it was too old and the kids would make fun of her if she rode it to school. I told her not to **look a gift horse in the mouth**.

Has anyone offered to give you something that you didn't want? Did you take it even though you didn't want it?

12-Ben, you **don't look yourself**. Are you OK?

How do you look if you don't look yourself?

OXYMORONS: a phrase with contradictory terms. For example, pretty is a nice adjective, ugly is a negative adjective, but when used together, pretty ugly has a different meaning.

Oxymorons can be hard for non-native English speakers to understand. Read the examples of oxymorons below. Tell how the words are opposites and what they mean when used together.

1. That baby is **pretty ugly**. Hopefully she'll be cuter when she is older.
2. He was **clearly confused** about what he should do to avoid getting Covid.
3. The trip was **pretty awful**. The person next to me on the plane coughed and sneezed through the whole flight.
4. I know it seems tough to forbid Tim from living with us when he is using drugs, but sometimes you have to **be cruel to be kind**.
5. There was a **deafening silence** when the ballerina fell.
6. I ordered the **jumbo shrimp**.
7. There was a **small crowd** at the protest march.
8. The crowds at the restaurant are **growing smaller**.
9. Parting is such a **sweet sorrow**.
10. The cards were in **random order** when I received them.

11. Graduation was **bittersweet**. I was happy that I finally graduated, but I knew I would miss seeing all my friends I had grown up with.
12. This president is a liar. That's **old news**.
13. Our company is really busy now, and I shouldn't take any time off, but this will be a **working vacation**.
14. My husband and I love being **alone together**.
15. The beginning pilot had a **crash landing**.

Since we began with a poem, let's end with one...or two.

Do You Carrot All for Me?

*Do you carrot all for me?
My heart beets for you,
With your turnip nose
And your radish face,
You are a peach.
If we cantaloupe,
Lettuce marry:
Weed make a swell pear.*

Have You Ever Seen

*Have you ever seen a **sheet** on a river **bed**?
Or a single **hair** from a hammer's **head**?
Has the **foot** of a mountain any **toes**?
And is there a **pair** of garden **hose**?
Does the **needle** ever wink its **eye**?
Why doesn't the **wing** of a **building** fly?
Can you tickle the **ribs** of a **parasol**?
Or open the **trunk** of a **tree** at all?
Are the **teeth** of a **rake** ever going to bite?
Have the **hands** of a **clock** any left or right?
Can the **garden plot** be deep and dark?
And what is the **sound** of the birch's **bark**?*