

FUMC ESL 10-8-2020 High Beginning and Low Intermediate Online Lesson

Introduce yourself. Tell where you are from and where you live now. Answer this question: What is one thing in your city that we all should see if we visit you there?

Today we'll focus on conversational exchanges. Practice answering these questions.

1. How's it going?
2. What's new?
3. What's up?
4. Long time no see. How have you been?
5. How are you doing?
6. What time do you have?
7. What was your name again?
8. Do you have a minute?
9. Have we met?
10. Tell me about yourself.
11. How long have you lived here?
12. How long will you be here?
13. Are you a morning or night person?
14. Have you met _____?
15. Where did you grow up?
16. What's your date of birth?
17. When is your birthday?

What do you say when you are introduced to someone?
It's nice to meet you. It's a pleasure to meet you.

Tim: Bill, have you met my wife, Lin?

Bill: No, I haven't. It's nice to meet you, Lin. My name is Bill Smith.

Lin: Hello, Bill. I've heard a lot about you. My husband is very happy to have you on his team.

Bill: Well, thank you, Lin. I'm very happy to be working with Tim.

Tim: I think we have the strongest team in the company. I think you'll enjoy working with everyone, Bill.

Bill: I'm sure I will. I look forward to getting started.

1. Who is Lin? Who is Bill? Who is Tim?
2. How do Tim and Bill know each other?
3. What does Bill look forward to?
4. Name something you look forward to.

Here are some other commonly heard phrases used in conversations. Read the conversations and explain the meaning of the underlined phrases. Then answer the questions.

Jill: Beth, do you think my email about dress codes was too severe?

Beth: I don't know. Maybe. Some people might be upset. I'm not sure.

Jill: Don't beat around the bush. Tell me your honest opinion.

Beth: Honestly, there were lots of people angry about it. They feel like they should be able to wear what they want as long as they get their work done. Most people prefer working in jeans and comfortable shirts.

1. What is a dress code?
2. Why does Jill say Beth is beating around the bush? What does this idiom mean?
3. How did people feel about the dress code?
4. How do you feel about dress codes at work?

Jo: Fran, do you know where the key to the workroom is?

Fran: Your guess is as good as mine. Jill was the last one who had it.

What is Jo looking for? What hint does Fran give Jo about the key?

Jan: It's late. Let's call it a day.

Sam: I'm going to stay on. I have a few more emails to send before I leave.

Jan: You're always burning the midnight oil, Sam. It's time to knock off for tonight.

1. What does Jan want to do?
2. What does Sam answer?
3. What does Jan insist Sam do?

Nan: I'm so sorry I'm late. The bus came fifteen minutes late today.

Sissy: Well, better late than never.

1. What was Nan's excuse for being late?
2. Do you think Sissy was mad that Nan was late?
3. In your country are people more tolerant with lateness than here in the U.S.?
4. If you were the boss, would you fire an employee who was always late?

Toni: Min is so slow getting the expense report turned in. I wish she would work faster.

Suzy: You need to cut Min a little slack. She's only been in the U.S. for a few weeks. She is still struggling with the language.

Toni: I know, but Min should be able to complete this report quickly. It's not rocket science.

1. What is Min's problem?
2. Why does Suzy want Toni to cut Min some slack?
3. Why does Toni think Min should be able to finish the report quickly.
4. Are people usually tolerant of you when your English is not good. Or do they get impatient?

Jen: We had three employees come in over ten minutes late today. We can't run a business this way. At ten o'clock, the doors open. I expect all our employees to be here ready to work by then. Our customers depend on us.

Lee: We were just a few minutes late. We don't usually have any customers right at ten anyway. It doesn't get busy until 10:30. I don't know why you are upset about just a few minutes.

1. Why is Jen upset?
2. Does Lee think Jen is right to be upset?
3. What is Lee's argument?
4. Who do you agree more with?
5. Are you usually early or late for appointments?

Luis: The company wants us to use new software on the cash registers. We'll have to learn how it works.

Solara: I can't believe they are changing software again. I just learned how to use the old one. Now I'm back to square one.

Luis: I don't like it either. We are spending too much time learning new software. We should be spending time doing our job.

1. What does the company want?
2. Why is Solara upset with the change?
3. Does Solara think she will have to start over?
4. What should they be spending time doing according to Luis?

Brianna: Can you look over this report for me. I want to make sure I didn't make any errors.

Chelsea: It looks fine to me.

Brianna: I'm still trying to learn the ropes. Are you sure there are no mistakes in the report?

Chelsea: It looks perfect. Way to go. You learn fast.

1. Why is Brianna worried that she made errors?
2. How does Chelsea compliment Brianna?

Pam: You don't look yourself today. Are you alright?

Stella: I'm OK. Why do you say that?

Pam: You are usually dressed so nicely and have every hair in place. Today you're wearing jeans and no makeup. Your hair is in a pony tail. I just wondered if you feel OK.

Stella: I'm a little under the weather. I had a stomach virus last night and didn't get much sleep.

Pam: Goodness! You shouldn't have come to work. You should go home right now and get some sleep. We can handle anything that needs to be done today.

Stella: Are you sure?

Pam: Absolutely. Off with you now. Don't come back to work until you feel well.

1. What's wrong with the way Stella looks?
2. Why is Stella not herself today?
3. What does Pam insist Stella do?



Special Delivery Chapter 15: Meeting Minho

Soojin talks to Minho for several minutes. "I'm home now!" she says. "I have food," says Soojin. "I have many things for the baby." Tears go down her cheeks. "Gina is a good person," she says.

"Nice to meet you!" says Minho. "Thank you for everything! I owe you."

"It's nice to meet you too," says Gina. "but you don't owe me anything. I am happy to help your family. Your daughter is beautiful. Congratulations!"

"It's time for Minho to get on the plane. He needs to hang up now. "One more thing..." says Soojin. "I'd like to name our baby Ji-na. It is a Korean name, like ours. But it sounds like my friend's name, too."

Gina has tears in her eyes. "Thank you," she says. "I am very honored." Later, Gina has to go to work. She leaves Soojin's apartment. She unlocks the van and looks inside. "Oh!" says Gina. "I forgot to bring up the car seat."

1. Who is Minho?
2. How long does Soojin talk to Minho?
3. Why does Soojin cry?
4. Why does Minho say he owes Gina?
5. What does Gina tell Minho?
6. What does Soojin want to name her daughter?
7. Why does she like this name?
8. Why does Gina have tears in her eyes?
9. What did Gina leave in the van?