

FUMC ESL 11-12-2020 High Intermediate and Advanced Online Lesson

Introduce yourself. Tell where you are from and where you live now. Answer: Are you lucky?

Read and discuss:

We know from scientific experiments that some animals have a sense of **self**. They may not ponder the meaning of life, but the red spot test proves they do recognize their own body when seen in a mirror. For example, in an experiment, chimpanzees are sedated and a red spot painted on their nose. When they are fully awake and see themselves in a mirror, they attempt to wipe the spot off. The chimpanzees recognize that the reflection is not another chimpanzee, but themselves.

We use the term "**self**" in a number of ways. First of all we use self in reflexive pronouns: myself, yourself, himself, herself, ourselves, themselves. NOTE: hisself is not a word and should not be used. There is a saying, "Be true to yourself." What do you think this means?

We use self to talk about the kind of person someone is. EX: Molly wasn't her usual talkative self tonight. She hardly said a word all night. I wonder if something was bothering her. EX: After being sick for two weeks, I finally feel like my old self again.

How would people describe you? Put an adjective in the blank. (your name) is not her usual _____ self.

A person who only thinks about himself is called **selfish**. A person who cares about other people more than himself is **selfless**.

A **self made man** is one who arises from a poor or disadvantaged background and achieves success without inherited fortune or family connections. Benjamin Franklin, one of the founders of our nation was an example of a self made man. He started working as a young boy in a candle shop and from there rose to be one of the most respected minds of his time. He was an inventor, an author of books and one of the group of five who wrote the Declaration of Independence.

- What is a "disadvantaged background"?
- What is an "inherited fortune"?
- What are examples of "family connections"?
- What is meant by "respected minds of his time"?
- What does an inventor do? Do you know what Benjamin Franklin is famous for inventing? Hint-it has to do with a kite and a key.
- Talk about a self made man or self made woman you know of.

Self is used in many hyphenated words. Read and explain these paragraphs.

1--Mother is always telling people how they should behave. She is a **self-appointed** guardian of manners. I try to explain to her that people don't like to be told how to behave. But she insists she is doing a service to humanity by teaching good manners. Most people just think she is being obnoxious.

- What is a guardian?
- What is meant by a "service to humanity"?
- Who taught you manners when you were a child?
- Was your mother or grandmother like this mother?

- e. Was there a relative that frequently corrected you if you didn't do something right? How did you feel about that?

2--Jack is so **self-centered**, he is unaware of things going on around him. When the car accident happened, he drove right on by. He never stopped to check that people were OK. He seemed unconcerned that there might be someone injured in one of the cars. He only thought about his own needs. He didn't want to be late for dinner. I can't imagine anyone more **self-absorbed** than Jack.

- What does it mean if you are, "unaware of things" going on around you?
- What is the meaning of, "he seemed unconcerned"?
- What was Jack most concerned about?
- Do you know anyone that is self-absorbed or self-centered?

3--Jill was born attractive. She was a pretty baby, a charming child and a strikingly beautiful woman. Someone born with good looks naturally has a high degree of **self-confidence**. When Jill walks into a room, she knows that people will be looking at her and commenting on her beauty. It helps that she is nice as well. She always has a compliment ready for anyone she meets. People fall instantly in love with her. I can't imagine what it is like to be that **self-confident**.

- "Strikingly" means: in a way that attracts attention because something is unusual, extreme, or prominent. What is meant by "strikingly beautiful"?
- Where do you feel the most self-confident?
- Living in a foreign country where you aren't fluent in the language and don't understand the culture can sap your self-confidence. Has learning to speak English well helped your self-confidence?

4--Jill's friend, Julie, is not a beautiful woman. Her nose is too big. Her eyes are too close together and she has bad skin. When Julie walks into a room, people might look at her, but they won't be admiring her. Julie feels very **self-conscious** when she is around people. She feels like they are staring at her nose or judging her for her bad skin. It's really too bad, because Julie is amazingly smart. She can comment intelligently on a wide variety of subjects. But her poor **self-image** makes it hard to speak up, so many people don't realize how smart she is.

- What were Julie's physical imperfections (parts of her that weren't perfect)?
- What did Julie think people were doing when they looked at her?
- How does Julie's poor self-image affect her?
- Did you have a poor self-image when you were young? How did your self-image affect your behavior as a young person? For example, when I was in high school, I was very skinny. A boy in my class called me "the toothpick". It made me self-conscious and very shy.

TOEFL Practice

1-In the fall, most trees lose _____, which have, by then, turned from green to gold and orange.

- their leaf
- their leaves
- the leaf

d- the leafs

2-When water is frozen, it becomes _____.

a-ice

b-ices

c-the ice

d-an ice

3-During the early nineteenth century, _____ were hunted for their pelts.

a-a beaver

b-beavers

c-the beaver

d-that beavers

4-Canada stretches from the Atlantic Ocean to the Pacific Ocean, and covers _____ of almost four million square miles.

a-a area

b-an area

c-the area

d-area

5-Termites can do _____ to the wood in homes before they are detected.

a-an extensive damage

b-extensive damages

c-the extensive damage

d-extensive damage