

## FUMC ESL 12-2-2020 High Intermediate and Advanced Online Lesson

Introduce yourself: Tell where you are from and where you live now. Before Covid, did you go out much at night to hear music, eat or see a movie?

**Put a preposition in the blank. There might be more than one correct answer.**

1. We agreed \_\_\_\_\_ meet next week to discuss the plans.
2. We agreed \_\_\_\_\_ a budget for the coming year.
3. We agreed \_\_\_\_\_ my parents when they said we should wait to get married.
4. If you aim \_\_\_\_\_ the target, you will hit it.
5. There is a smell \_\_\_\_\_ the air that makes me think of fall.
6. Once you arrive \_\_\_\_\_ the airport, park your car and catch a shuttle \_\_\_\_\_ the terminal.
7. There were articles \_\_\_\_\_ clothing scattered all over the field.
8. Arteries carry blood \_\_\_\_\_ your heart to the rest of your body.
9. The arrest \_\_\_\_\_ the suspects was reported \_\_\_\_\_ the newspaper.
10. I'm not good \_\_\_\_\_ drawing or painting.
11. Father will never consent \_\_\_\_\_ my staying out past midnight.
12. The criminal begged \_\_\_\_\_ a second chance.
13. We've been hoping \_\_\_\_\_ a miracle
14. Josh never responds \_\_\_\_\_ my emails.
15. Mother, I worry \_\_\_\_\_ you.

**Conversations with Idioms: Take turns reading the dialogue. Explain what is happening in each conversation. Tell the meaning of the underlined words or phrases. Answer the questions.**

**Sara:** Are you still thinking of moving to Canada?

**Joey:** I'd like to, but things are kind of up in the air right now. My wife has been offered a big promotion at work. That's very hard for her to turn down. So, I'm not sure what we will do. My job prospects are better in Toronto, but hers are better here. It's something we'll have to work out.

What problem does Joey have to work out with his wife?

How do husband and wife work out a problem like this? Have you ever had this problem?

**Jim:** Honey, I'm sorry, but I've got to finish this report tonight. I may not get to bed until after midnight. Why don't you go on to bed. I don't want you to wait up for me.

**Gloria:** I'll turn down the bed, so you can just slip into it without turning on the light.

Do you often stay up past midnight? Does your spouse? Do you "wait up" for each other?

**Darla:** Oh no.

**Jac:** What's the matter?

**Darla:** I think I slipped up and put the check for the electric bill in the wrong envelope. Here is the envelope for the electric company and I can't find the envelope for the gas bill. I must have put the check for the electric bill in the envelope for the gas bill.

**Jac:** I'm not sure how you're going to make that right. The checks were for different amounts, so you'll overpay one company and underpay the other.

Explain Darla's dilemma.

What's the difference between "slip into" in the previous conversation and "slip up" in this one?  
Have you ever made a similar mistake?

**Lee:** There was a major power failure. The city is totally blacked out. All the radio stations are off the air. It's kind of frightening.

**Terry:** No one knows what's going on. The mayor is meeting with the people in charge of the power grid to try to get to the bottom of this.

Does your country experience frequent power failures?  
Do you keep flashlights or candles in case of a power failure?

**Jan:** Since Alice was elected president of our club, she's been putting on airs. I don't know who she thinks she is. We've known her all our lives. Now she wants us to treat her like a goddess. It's pretty aggravating, when your lifelong friend demands to be treated as something special.

**Sandra:** Being elected president certainly gave her a big head. But we must allow for the fact that she has never been in charge of anything before. It's the first time she's been given an important job. She's nervous that people won't respect her. We need to be patient with her. She'll come around.

What's Sandra's advice for dealing with the new president?  
Do you have any friends you have known your whole life?

**Alice:** There may be a protest in the streets tonight. The police have been put on alert.

**Kendra:** It seems pretty quiet outside now. But the streets don't usually come alive until around 10 PM. We'll see what happens when the crowds gather.

When does your hometown come alive?  
Does your hometown have a lot of "night life"?

**Penny:** Somewhere along the way, Jeremy decided that he would never marry. He stuck to his guns for years. He dated several beautiful women, but never seriously considered marrying them. Now at the age of fifty, he's suddenly fallen in love and wants to get married right away. He can't get to the altar fast enough. Go figure.

**Lyn:** Perhaps he is in a hurry because he realizes all he's been missing. He wants to enjoy married life for the years he has left.

Why does Lyn think Jeremy is in a hurry to get married?  
Do you know anyone who stayed single past the age of 40?  
Do you think it's better to marry young or marry later?

**Toya:** I accidentally broke Sara's prized crystal pitcher. It was a family heirloom. She was quite upset about it. I tried to make amends by offering to pay her for it, but she wouldn't take any money. I feel so guilty.

**Stella:** I wouldn't worry too much about it. Accidents happen. I'm sure Sara knows how you feel.

Do you have any prized family heirlooms?

Do you think Sara should have taken the money Toya offered?

**Stacy:** Will you and Tom have children?

**Wendy:** I don't know. We're kind of ambivalent about it. Neither of us are just dying to have a child. We have such a quiet and peaceful life. But my parents expect us to have their grandchildren. They pressure us about it.

What does Wendy mean when she says, "They pressure us about it"?

Do your parents expect you to have children? Do they pressure you about it?

How would you feel if your kids told you they didn't want to have children?

**Paula:** I don't think Ted will ever amount to much. He never seems to finish what he starts. He didn't finish college. He has quit every job he has ever had. And he's thrice divorced. You can't get ahead in life if you can't stay the course.

**Clarissa:** My father used to say that success was just a matter of hanging on after all others had let go. Perseverance wins out. That's a lesson Ted hasn't learned.

Are you a person who perseveres?

How do you know when it's time to give up on a project?

**Taylor:** The doctor agreed to release Mother from the hospital, on the condition that we hire round the clock nurses to care for her. I want her to come home, but hiring nurses will be a financial burden for the whole family. None of us can really afford that expense right now. I'm not sure what to do.

**Sammie:** That's a real dilemma. I guess the insurance company will pay for her hospital stay, but not for home care.

**Taylor:** That's exactly right. Financially, it's better for her to stay in the hospital. But she hates being in the hospital and it's hard for us to visit her every day what with working and taking care of the baby. Yet I can't leave her here at home without someone looking after her.

**Sammie:** I know a friend who just lost her job. She was working as a nurse's assistant at a doctor's office, but the doctor retired. She might be able to help out on a part-time basis until she finds another job. You would only have to pay her for the hours during the day when you and your wife were working. Would you like me to give her a call and see if she's interested in the job?

Describe Taylor's dilemma.

What solution does Sammie offer?

Have you ever had a dilemma like this?

Does the government pay for home health care for seniors in your country?

**Explain what's funny about these quotes, then answer the question.**

1. I'm on a seafood diet. I see food, I eat it.

Do lots of people diet in your home country? What kinds of diets have you tried.

2. As a child, my family's menu consisted of two choices....take it or leave it.

Did your Mom make you eat whatever she cooked or did you get to decide what to eat?

3. My favorite machine at the gym is the vending machine.

How do you exercise?