

FUMC ESL 1-14-2021 High Intermediate and Advanced Online Lesson

Introduce yourselves. Tell where you are from and where you live now. Tell something you have learned from an older person.

1. As a general rule, are young people more selfish than older people? Give an example to support your belief.
2. Should people be forced to retire by age 65 in order to provide work opportunities for the younger generations?
3. Do you feel like most older people are hopelessly out of touch with the modern age? Do the elderly people you know feel comfortable with texting, tweeting and streaming?

Pronunciation—OW and OU. These two sounds are frequently the same. Say the words below. Notice OW and OU sound the same.

house, mouse, spouse, mouth, bounce, count, lounge, pout, foul, out, pound
owl, cow, town, clown, now, crowd, chow

But sometimes OW and OU are pronounced differently. Say these word pairs.

crowd - crow	now - know	shower - show	flower - flow	cow - low	tower - tow
shout - shoulder	group - ground	wound - would	pout - poultry	shout -should	sour - soup

There are even some words that are spelled the same but pronounced differently, like BOW, ROW and WOUND.

The men bow to the king as he passes them.
The girl had a big pink bow in her hair.
The husband and wife had a big row when he came home late.
They row the boat upstream.
We wound the clock each night.
The boy had a wound on his leg.

Write BOTH/ EITHER or NEITHER in the blank.

1. Last year I went to Miami and Seattle. I liked _____ cities very much.
2. There were two pictures on the wall. I didn't like _____ of them.
3. It wasn't a very good game, _____ team played well.
4. Is your friend Canadian or Australian? _____, she's American.
5. We went away for two days, but the weather was bad. It rained _____ days.
6. Do you want to read the American Statesman or the Wall Street Journal. _____ one is fine.
7. I invited Donna and Mike to the party, but _____ of them came.
8. _____ one of us can go. Who would you prefer to have go with you?

9. Which jacket do you prefer, this one or that one? I don't like _____ .
10. Do you work, or are you a student? _____. I work and am a student as well.
11. Paul and I didn't know what time it was because _____ of us had a watch.
12. Helen has two sisters, but _____ of them is married.
13. I haven't met _____ of Helen's two sisters.
14. Do Tom's brothers work here? Yes, _____ of them work here now.
15. You can have _____ coffee or tea. Which do you want?

Idioms with NO: Read the conversations and explain the meaning of the underlined idiom.

Jim: My friend has invited me to the big game tonight. Do you think I should go?

Linda: That's a no-brainer. Of course you should go!

Denise: Give me the check. I'll figure out what everyone owes for dinner.

Dad: No, indeed! I'm paying for everyone's dinner tonight, no buts about it.

Sara: Can you take care of my dog while I'm on vacation?

Jane: No can do. I'm allergic to dog hair. Sorry I can't help.

Len: I'm sorry I forgot to tell you about the party. No hard feelings, I hope.

Susan: I'm hurt that you didn't think to tell me. I would love to have gone.

Stella: Going to the dentist is no picnic, but it's necessary for good health.

Dentist: I'm glad you realize that now. And you are here none too soon. You have a cracked tooth that is infected. It would have caused you a lot of pain in another few days.

Paula: Mary is no spring chicken, but she can really dance.

Anna: I know, right. Everyone was amazed when she took the floor.

Ted: Paul offered to buy Gina a new car, no strings attached.

Stacy: Gina said she couldn't accept it. She has only been dating Paul a few months and she doesn't feel comfortable taking a free car from him. Her car is old, but it still runs well.

Ted: Well I don't know why she wouldn't accept the car. Never look a gift horse in the mouth. Paul comes from a wealthy family. A few thousand dollars is nothing to him.

Stacy: Gina is not the least bit interested in wealth and is happy to keep driving her fifteen year old car. Paul is just wanting to buy her a new car because he's embarrassed that she's still driving the old one. He's afraid his rich friends will make fun of him.

Ted: It's no wonder he's embarrassed. He drives a brand new red Jaguar. That must have set him back eighty thousand or so. Imagine how he feels driving around in Gina's old car with the peeling paint.

James: Did your wife find out you borrowed money from her secret stash to play poker?

Sam: Nope. I put the money back and she's none the wiser. And with my winnings, I took her out to her favorite restaurant.

James: That worked out well. No harm, no foul.

Choose the correct phrase.

1-Seals can _____ because they have a thick layer of blubber under their fur.

- a-keep their warm
- b-keep themselves warm
- c- keep them warm

2-In order for people who speak different languages to engage in trade _____, they often develop a simplified language called pidgin.

- a-with each the other
- b-with each to the other
- c-with each other
- d-with each another

3-Wolves which travel in packs provide for and defend _____ through group cooperation.

- a-himself
- b-themselves
- c-itself
- d-theirselves

4-Although orchids give the appearance of being very fragile, they are actually very hardy plants _____ indoors during the winter months.

- a-which may be grown
- b-what may grow
- c-who may be grown
- d-where may be grown

5-The data on the winter migration patterns of the monarch butterfly is very _____.

- a-interested
- b-of interest
- c-interesting

6-There are more potatoes cultivated than _____ vegetable crops worldwide.

- a-any others
- b-any other
- c-another

7-The New England states have had _____ serious earthquakes since the Ice Age.

- a-none
- b-not any
- c-not
- d-no

8-_____ orangutans live alone.

- a-Near all
- b-Almost all
- c-The all
- d-The most all