

FUMC ESL 1-25-2021 High Beginning and Low Intermediate Online Lesson

Introduce yourself. Tell where you are from and where you live now. Name one attraction in the U.S. you would really like to see.

RULES for using THE before nouns.

We use "the" when we are talking about a specific person, place or thing.

What is the name of this street?

Who is the best player?

Which of the girls is your daughter?

Where is the nearest bank?

She and I live on the same street.

We say:

the sun, the moon, the world, the sky, the sea, the country

the police, the fire department, the army

the top, the end, the middle, the left, the right

We play the piano, the guitar, the trumpet (all musical instruments)

We listen to the radio, but we watch T.V.

But we say, "Turn on the T.V."

We don't use "the"

in front of breakfast, lunch or dinner

in front of next or last

Don't use "the" with the names of countries unless the name contains "republic, states or kingdom". EX: I live in the United States. I live in America.

OR if the name is plural, "The Netherlands" or "The Phillipines".

We use "the" with oceans, seas, rivers, canals.

We don't use "the" with names of streets or squares (Main St., Times Square).

We don't use "the" with airports, but we do with the names of museums and tourist attractions.

We say, "the north, south, east or west" most of the time. But there are exceptions. EX:

Cowboys lived in **the** old west. I live in **the** southern part of the city. I live in south Austin.

Drive west for two blocks, then turn right.

Add "the" or leave it blank.

1. Please turn off ____ TV when you go to bed.
2. My office is on _____ first floor.
3. I live ____ downtown.
4. Are these books _____ same?
5. No, they are _____ different.
6. My grandparents don't like living in _____ city. They prefer _____ country.
7. I think we should call _____ police.
8. Write your name at _____ top of the page.
9. Sign your name on _____ bottom.

10. Do you want to meet in the morning for _____ breakfast.
11. Where did you vacation _____ last summer.
12. Does school start _____ next week?
13. Mary is _____ same age as my daughter.
14. What time is _____ lunch.
15. We are going to Europe at _____ end of May.
16. We are going to _____ work now.
17. My children go to _____ school five days a week.
18. They attend _____ school on the corner.
19. Do you go to _____ University of Texas?
20. I'm going to _____ bed.
21. He was sent to _____ prison.
22. My grandmother is still in _____ hospital. We hope she will get out tomorrow.
23. Please call _____ doctor and tell him I need something for pain.
24. _____ life is not possible without _____ water.
25. We moved to _____ Mexico last spring.
26. We visited _____ Tower of London.
27. We walked on _____ Great Wall of China.
28. New Year's Eve is celebrated in _____ Times Square.
29. Do you live on _____ Lavaca St.?
30. _____ Europe is bigger than _____ Australia.

THE FUTURE: The sentences below talk about time. They use words like WHEN, AFTER, BEFORE, AS SOON AS, LATER, UNTIL. We use WILL in these sentences to express the future. But be careful that you don't use WILL more than once. Choose the right answers in the sentences below.

1-When I see Lina later, I _____.

- a-will give her the news
- b-give her the news

2-I'll call you after _____.

- a-I will talk to Rita
- b-I talk to Rita.

3. As soon as I hear from Tom, I _____

- a-will call you
- b-call you

4-I will not pay for the repairs until _____.

- a-they will fix the broken door

b-they fix the broken door

5-The passengers will get off the plane after ____

a-it will land

b-it lands

6-Before Mother _____, we will paint the bedroom.

a-will arrive

b-arrives

7-The kids will go to bed after they ____ their homework.

a-will finish

b-finish

8-I will listen to the tape while I ____ to work.

a-will drive

b-drive

NOTE ABOUT PUNCTUATION.

If the time phrase comes at the front of the sentence, you should add a comma. If the time phrase comes at the end, you don't add a comma.

EX: We will wash the dishes while the men mop the floor. (NO COMMA NEEDED)

While the men mop the floor, we will wash the dishes. (COMMA NEEDED)

Read and explain these conversations.

Chan: It has been raining all day. I'm so tired of rainy weather.

Lee: I agree. I wanted to sweep the leaves off the porch today, but I can't sweep in the rain.

Chan: Tomorrow it is supposed to be sunny. You will be able to sweep then.

Lee: I have to work tomorrow. I won't have time to sweep.

1. What are they complaining about?
2. What did Lee want to do today? Why can't he do it?
3. How is the weather supposed to be tomorrow?
4. Why can't Lee sweep tomorrow?

Jill: I am trying to improve my English. Every day I listen to my English language tapes.

Jen: Are your tapes helping?

Jill: Listening to English helps a little, but I need more practice speaking English.

Jen: I attend an English class now. We practice speaking English. The teacher corrects our pronunciation. I think it will help me improve.

1. What is Jill doing to improve her English?
2. What does Jill need to practice?
3. How does Jen work on her English.
4. Does Jen think the class will help her?

Minjee: We are going back to our country this summer. We will stay for a month. We have a lot of family to visit. It will be a great vacation.

June: You are lucky. I haven't been home for two years. I really miss my family. My sister and her husband live here now. But I miss my parents and my other sister.

Minjee: We try to go home at least twice a year. But with Covid we decided not to travel. I think by next summer, we will be able to go home. My parents are getting old. I want to visit them as often as possible.

June: I know how you feel. As soon as the travel ban is lifted, my sister and I plan to go home to visit my parents. I hope I can convince them to visit us in the U.S. But my mother doesn't like long flights. She says her back hurts if she sits on a plane more than four hours.

1. Where is Minjee going?
2. When was the last time June went home?
3. Where do June's sisters live?
4. Why does Minjee want to visit her parents frequently?
5. What is a travel ban?
6. What will June do when the travel ban is lifted?
7. Why won't June's mother fly to the U.S.?
8. Do you have family living here in the U.S.?
9. Do your family members come here to visit?
10. Would you like your parents to come here to live in the U.S. while you are here?