

## **FUMC ESL 1-28-2021 High Intermediate and Advanced Online Lesson**

Introduce yourself. Tell where you are from and where you are living now.

### **IMPEACHMENT:**

On Monday, a student asked for an explanation about impeachment of the former U.S. President. She was confused about how impeachment works. Here is the answer.

According to the Constitution, a president can be impeached. The charges are first brought by the House of Representatives. Evidence is presented, then the Representatives vote to impeach or not. In Donald Trump's case, they voted to impeach him for the second time. He was impeached the first time in 2019.

Once this vote is taken, he is impeached. But it's not over. There is a trial held by the Senate. The chief justice of the Supreme Court presides over the trial. The Senators then vote whether to remove the president from office. In Donald Trump's case, he is already out of office, so it won't have much effect. To find Donald Trump guilty, two thirds of the Senators must vote against him. That is almost assuredly not going to happen. The votes will probably be along party lines. In other words, Democrats will vote guilty and Republicans will vote innocent. So why are they bothering to impeach a president who has already left office?

The answer is that should the Senate find Trump guilty, they can take away his pension, his security detail and his ability to run for office again. All Democrats and many Republicans would love to prevent Trump from running in 2024. The other reason is that many people think Trump should be held accountable for inciting a riot. He won't have to face any punishment if found not guilty, but he will have had to undergo a trial.

Any questions? If you hear things on the news that you don't understand, shoot an email to me and we'll add it to our lesson. [catherine.bingaman@gmail.com](mailto:catherine.bingaman@gmail.com)

### **Grammar: Infinitives Without To**

Monday we had an exercise that required you to decide if you should use TO or not when an infinitive was followed by a verb. Here are the rules about that.

Most often, we use infinitives with to. EX: I went **to play** softball after class. She wants **to learn** English. We can't afford **to buy** a car.

But we DON'T use TO after modal auxiliary verbs

1-The infinitive is used **without to** after modal auxiliary verbs will, shall, would, should, can, could, may, might and must.

It might rain later in the evening. (NOT It might to rain later in the evening.)

I must go now. (NOT I must to go now.)

She should have resigned. (NOT She should have to resigned.)

2-The infinitive **without to** can also be used after had better and need.

You had better see what she wants. (NOT You had better to see what she wants.)

You need not wait. (NOT You need not to wait.)

3-After the causative verbs let, make, hear etc.

The verbs let, make, see, hear, feel, watch and notice are followed by object + infinitive **without to**.

They made me wait. (NOT They made me to wait.)

I saw him slap the child. (NOT I saw him to slap the child.)

I don't let my children stay up late. (NOT I don't let my children to stay up late.)

Did you hear him say that he was leaving? (NOT Did you hear him to say that he was leaving?)

4-Help can be followed by an infinitive **with** or **without to**.

She helped me to unload my car. OR She helped me unload my car.

5-In passive forms with make, see, hear, help and know we use infinitives **with to**.

I was made to wait. (NOT I was made wait.)

He was helped to lift the box. (NOT He was helped lift the box.)

**Monday we had a short story about Arthur, an old man who has lunch at the cemetery every day so he can talk to his dead wife. Today we hear about the girl he saw at the cemetery.**

## **Part 2: Maddy**

Maddy was half asleep when she saw that old man at the cemetery look over at her and wave. When he did, her hand flew up to her mouth and he turned away, then shuffled off with his little fold-up chair. She hadn't meant to do that, make him think she was afraid. If she sees him again, she'll ask him who's in the grave. His wife, she imagines, though you can't be sure.

She looks at her watch. It's 1:40. She'll stay here until school is over, then go home. She hates school. The kids tease her. They've always teased her. She can't make out why. She just doesn't fit in. She's a senior now. She figures she deserves a skip day now and then.

Tonight she'll meet Anderson, after he's done working. Anderson is so handsome, he makes you vacant-headed. She met him at the Walmart, where he works in the stockroom. She was leaving the store and he smiled at her and asked if she was a movie star. Yeah, right. She smiled back. He was on his way to get a hot dog and he asked her to join him. She was scared to go with him, but she did. They didn't talk much, but they agreed to meet later that night.

Three months now they've been meeting. Sometimes he'll take her to McDonalds for a hamburger, but usually she sneaks out at night and they drive to the park where it's nice and dark. She loves the way he kisses her. She knows she should be ashamed to let him do what he wants with her body, but afterwards he holds her and it feels good. It's the only time anyone has held her. She knows some things about him: he was in the Army, he loves dogs, he plays guitar, a little. Once he brought her a gift: a pearl on a gold chain, which she never takes off.

Last time she saw Anderson, she tried to tell him about the cemetery. How some people feel comforted there. She tells him about the old man who visits his wife every day and talks to her. She wishes her mother had been buried there instead of being cremated. She told him she found the cemetery so peaceful. What did Anderson think?

"I think you're freaking weird," he said.

It made her go cold in the back. "Can I have one of your fries," she asked?

"If you want some, go buy some," he said, pushing a couple of dollars across the table.

That night Maddy sits at the table with her dad. "Eat," he says. That was one of their chatty dinners. He said a word to her. Usually, they said nothing.

Maddy's mom was killed in an auto accident when Maddy was just two weeks old. When his wife died, her father's heart just closed up. He didn't want to talk about his wife. When Maggie was around 6, she found a box with some old things in it. There was a picture of her dad with his arm around a beautiful woman. She took the picture to her dad.

"Is this my mom?"

"Yeah."

"Can I have this picture?"

"Yeah, you can have it. Now go put that box away."

Maddy kept the picture in her desk. Her dad didn't like to look at pictures of her mom. It made him too sad. Maddy learned never to ask about her mother.

1. Was Maddy afraid of Arthur when he waved?
2. How long does Maddy plan to stay in the park?
3. Why isn't she in school?
4. Who's Anderson? How did they meet?
5. What did Anderson buy for Maddy?
6. Why did Anderson think Maddy was weird?
7. What kind of person do you think Anderson is? What makes you feel this way about him?
8. What happened to Maddy's mom?
9. Explain Maddy's relationship with her father.
10. Do you feel sorry for Maddy? Why?
11. Maddy's dad is still grieving for his wife, though she died 17 years ago. His way of grieving is not to speak about her or think about her at all. Compare this with the way Arthur grieves for his wife. Which way do you think is better.