

FUMC ESL 2-25-2021 High Intermediate and Advanced Online Lesson

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

Vocabulary -- Similar Words: Choose the correct word for the blanks. Explain the difference in meaning.

up ended or ended up

We _____ the couch and used it to barricade the doorway

We _____ going to a pub after the play.

upheld or held up

The jury _____ the minor's conviction on the drunk driving charge.

The robbers _____ the stage and took everyone's money.

outlast or last out

She was badly injured and probably won't _____ the night.

The computer will _____ the system software for it.

outrun or run out

We couldn't finish putting the packets together because we _____ of supplies

Can a cheetah _____ a mountain lion?

outbreak or break out

We improved our fence to prevent a _____ by our dogs.

There has been an _____ of the flu in Austin.

lookout or look out or outlook

The _____ for our economy is actually pretty good.

The bank robbers left a _____ outside to watch for the police.

_____, those boulders look like they may fall.

upset or set up

We went early to help the manager _____ the convention hall.

He was really _____ about missing his flight.

Discussion:

1. Would you ever take a job as a telemarketer? What other jobs would you absolutely never do?
2. Have you ever had experience running your own business? If you were going to start a business, what kind of business would it be?
3. What do you see as your best business talents? Are you a better marketer or inventor?

4. Do you think a science and technology degree is more valuable than a business and marketing degree?
5. To what extent did your parents influence your career choice? Was that a good thing or bad?
6. What do you think is the biggest failure of modern companies? Is there a niche market that no company is addressing?
7. Do you prefer the academic world to the business world? Why?
8. Would you take a job that required you to travel internationally?
9. Would you take a job that required you to sit at a desk all day?
10. Describe your dream job.

Arthur Truluv Part 8--Arthur and Lucille

At six, Arthur walks over to Lucille's. He knocks, but no one answers. The house is very quiet and Lucille's car is not in the driveway. Then he sees her car coming down the street. She slowly pulls into the driveway. She opens her car door, but just sits there with her legs stuck out. Arthur walks over. "Lucille? Are you alright? Where's Frank?"

"Frank died." Lucille slides out onto the driveway and just lies there. Arthur tries to help her up, but Lucille refuses to budge. "I'm just going to lie right here on my driveway until I figure out how I can go on living. I wait all these years to find love, and when I finally do, I lose him."

1. Why doesn't Lucille get out of the car?
2. What does "budge" mean?
3. Why is Lucille refusing to get up?

Arthur runs home and gets some flowers, a blanket and some Slim Jims. He goes back outside, spreads the blanket on Lucille's driveway and puts the flowers and Slim Jims on it. Then he lowers himself with infinite care, first one knee then the other, then a soft plop onto the blanket. "There," he says. "Now people will think we're just having an odd sort of picnic. I'll stay here with you until you decide where you want to go."

1. Why does Arthur spread out a blanket and put flowers on it?
2. Does Arthur try to talk Lucille out of staying on the driveway?
3. Arthur doesn't say much, but he acts. Do you think this is more comforting for Lucille than if he talked?
4. When my dad was in the hospital after his heart attack, my family was all sitting around in the waiting room. We were sad and we were cold. The air conditioning in the hospital was running full blast. Though it was summer, we were freezing. Then, to my surprise, one of the ministers of our church, and someone you may know, Kathleen Jones, walked into the room. She was carrying two soft and beautiful shawls knitted by women at our church. She wrapped my mother up in one and me in the other one. It was such a thoughtful and helpful thing to do. We both cried. Do you have any ideas for comforting things you can do for someone who is hurting?

Lucille says, "I want to go and be with Frank." She begins to weep. Arthur pats her shoulder. "You go ahead and cry," says Arthur. "I'll be right here." Arthur starts talking to Lucille. He tells her they can sit here all night, if she wants. He tells her that she's a kind and generous woman with a good heart. He tells her that when Nola first died, he thought he would die of grief. But he's still here. And she will survive as well.

After an hour or so, Lucille says, "Arthur, I'm hungry. I've got some delicious white chocolate pudding with blackberry topping in the refrigerator. We may as well eat them." Arthur grabs the flowers and blanket and they go inside and eat all the pudding.

- 1-What is a sign that Lucille will survive Frank's death?
- 2-How is Arthur being a true friend to Lucille?