

## FUMC ESL 5-10-2021 High Intermediate and Advanced Online Lesson

Introduce yourself. Tell where you are from and where you live now. Tell what motivates you. What makes you want to work harder. If you had a job, and the boss wanted to motivate you, should she offer you more money or more time off?

### Discussions with PEOPLE:

1-**People** is the plural form of person. You can also use the word "persons" as the plural form, but it is rarely used. More often we would say, "People from Italy are very friendly." NOT "Persons from Italy are very friendly."

2-“**Peoples**” means a group of people. Ex: Native peoples have suffered the loss of their lands and dignity.

Are their native peoples in your country who have suffered losses from being colonized by more recent arrivals?

3-The southern part of Texas is peopled by immigrants from Central and South America. What regions of your country are peopled by a particular group?

4-A people person is someone who enjoys interacting with other people.

Are you a people person?

5-**Shane**: Are Jeff and Karen still arguing?

**Tara**: Yes. Jeff keeps insisting that Karen is not old enough to drive, though she has shown him her driver's license which shows she's 18 years old.

**Shane**: Wow, some people don't know when to quit, do they?

What does Shane mean?

6-The teacher is treating her students like good friends. The problem is, they don't respect her. They won't behave when she asks them to. She needs to remember that you can't be all things to all people. You can't be both their good friend and their teacher.

Is it possible for a parent or teacher to be a disciplinarian and still be well liked by the students?

7-Ann was making fun of Dave at his wedding to his third wife. But people in glass houses shouldn't throw stones. Ann has married and divorced two husbands herself.

What is the meaning of this expression? In your country, is divorce common? Is there a stigma attached to being divorced? Do you know people who have been divorced several times?

8-A man of the people is someone who can identify and relate to ordinary people. A politician who can relate to the "common man or woman" is highly valued.

Is it difficult for someone who has grown up in a wealthy household to identify with ordinary people?

9-You, of all people, should know the risks involved in riding motorcycles. After all, you've had two bad accidents on your motorbike.

Have you ever ridden on a motorcycle? Would you if asked?

10-Personnel are the people who work in a company.

**Dee:** I told the office **personnel** they could have Monday off because they have worked so hard the last two weeks.

**Rawley:** That was nice of you. I'm sure they appreciated that.

**Dee:** I try to balance the needs of the company with that of my personnel. If you treat people right, they'll work hard for you.

Have you ever worked somewhere that didn't treat their personnel respectfully?

### **Words to describe different kinds of people:**

#### **1. worrywart**

**Sara:** It is 10 PM and Carol still isn't home. She said she'd be home by 9:30. Where could she be? Should I call the police?

**Dan:** No! Don't be such a **worrywart**. She's only a few minutes late. I'm sure she'll arrive soon.

**Sara:** But what if something has happened? What if she has been in a car wreck?

**Dan:** Relax. You're getting yourself all worked up for nothing. I'm sure she just forgot what time it was. She'll be home soon.

Who are you more like, Sara or Dan?

What kinds of things do you worry about?

#### **2. busybody**

**Sam:** Who were you talking to out there? You went out to get the mail and you didn't come back for almost thirty minutes.

**Delia:** That old **busybody**, Mrs. Smith came out when she saw me at the mailbox. She wouldn't stop asking me questions. I couldn't get away from her.

**Sam:** What was she asking about?

**Delia:** Everything. She saw I came home in a different car and wanted to know if I bought a new car. I explained that my car was in the shop being repaired and this was a loaner car. Then she wanted to know if Kyle had gotten in trouble at school. She saw the principal knocking on our door last week. I explained that Kyle had broken his arm at football practice and the principal came by to see if he was all right. Then she wanted to know what you were doing. She said she hadn't seen you around and did you move out. She said she had heard some shouting from our back yard and did we have a fight. She just kept giving me the third degree.

**Sam:** She is really interested in our personal life isn't she. She keeps track of everything we do. She needs to get a life.

Do you have any neighbors or relatives that are busybodies?

Is there anything Sam and Delia do about their busybody neighbor?

#### **3. eager beaver and slacker**

**Donna:** You're late. Did you get held up at work?

**Shay:** Yes, I had to stay late to unpack the new merchandise that just came in. When the shipping company delivers new merchandise late in the day, I usually just leave it in the storeroom and unpack it the next morning. But that new sales person that just got hired is a real **eager beaver**. She insisted we stay late and unpack everything. I tried to tell her to just wait until tomorrow, but she is so enthusiastic about this job and so eager to impress the manager, that she always looks for extra work to do.

**Donna:** You could have left. She's not your boss. You don't have to stay late just because she does.

**Shay:** I know, but it makes me look bad when I leave on time and she is still in the storeroom working. I look like a **slacker**.

What do you think a slacker is?

Shay has a dilemma. She doesn't want to appear to be a slacker. But she doesn't want to work late every day either. What advice would you give Shay?

#### 4. cheapskate and penny pincher

**Lex:** Let's take Dot out for lunch at that new Italian restaurant for her birthday.

**Ash:** That place is too expensive. The entrees there are twenty to thirty dollars. Let's just take her to the hamburger place down the street.

**Lex:** Stop being such a **cheapskate**. Dot is one of our best friends. She deserves more than hamburgers!

**Ash:** I guess you're right. I am kind of a **penny pincher**. But I don't make nearly as much money as you and Dot do, so it's hard for me to jar loose money for a fancy restaurant.

NOTE: Jar is used as a verb here, not as a glass container. If you jar something loose you shake it hard or hit it until it comes free. The meaning in this context is that it is very difficult for Ash to give up hard earned money.

Are there any cheapskates or penny pinchers among your family or friends?  
Does it bother to spend money at a fancy restaurant?

#### 5. man of his word

**Lily:** Stacy said he would help me get a job. I sure hope he means that.

**Flo:** If Stacy said it, he means it. He's a **man of his word**. You can depend on what he says to be true.

**Lily:** But how is he going to get me a job. He doesn't run the company.

**Flo:** He is not the owner, but he's an important figure there. I think he's a senior vice president. If he puts in a good word for you, I'm sure you'll get hired.

In your country, is it easy to get a good job, even if you don't have any connections with important people?

**Grammar: Which sentence in each pair is correct?**

1

I want you to be happy.  
I want that you are happy.

2

He's very funny. He makes me laugh.  
He's very funny. He makes me to laugh.

3

Please let me use your computer for a minute.  
Please let me to use your computer for a minute.

4

Ann told me wait for her.  
Ann told me to wait for her.

5

I told her call later.  
I told her to call later.

6

I am waiting for to talk to the manager.  
I am waiting to talk to the manager.

7

I don't mind getting up early.  
I don't mind to get up early.

8

Do you want me to lend you some money?  
Do you want that I lend you some money?

9

Kit went to the store to buy a newspaper.  
Kit went to the store for buying a newspaper.

10

Kim and Amy are good friends. They know themselves well.  
Kim and Amy are good friends. They know each other well.