

## FUMC ESL 6-14-2021 High Beginning and Low Intermediate Lesson

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

**Gerund or Infinitive Quiz: Choose the right answer. Ask the teacher if you don't understand the meaning of the sentence.**

1. Jay wants (to join/ joining) us for dinner.
2. We offered (to buy/ buying) ice cream for all the children.
3. I enjoy (to cook/ cooking) Indian food for my friends.
4. Keep on (to try/ trying).
5. I pretended (to understand/ understanding) what the teacher said.
6. Phil seems (to be/ being) in a bad mood.
7. You should consider (to quit/ quitting) school so you can work more.
8. We allowed everyone (to go/ going) home early.
9. Students are not allowed (to use / using) their cell phones in the classroom.
10. If you quit (to drink/ drinking) coffee, you would sleep better.
11. Jan doesn't mind (to live/ living) alone.
12. The sign warns people (to be/ being) careful.
13. Travelers are required (to show/ showing) their I.D.
14. We expect the plane (to be/ being) on time.
15. Please stop (to hum, humming) that song. It bothers me.
16. My doctor suggests (to exercise/ exercising) for thirty minutes every day.
17. My doctor advised me (to exercise/ exercising) for thirty minutes every day.
18. I was advised (to see/ seeing) a doctor.
19. She asked me (to recommend/ recommending) a good doctor.
20. I considered (to buy/ buying) a new car.

**Practice pronouncing** these word pairs that sound similar.

lesson - listen	wear - where	coffee - copy	calm - comb
oaks - ox	took - cook - spook	tool - fool - wool	fourteen - forty
pain - pen	age - edge	pond - pound	guess - gas
said - sad	clothing - closing	wash - watch	witch - wish
worst - lost	box - boss	seen - sing	very - wary

**Some of these words might be new to you. Read the paragraphs below to help you use these words.**

1. This meat is **bad**. I don't like the taste.  
These vegetables are **worse**. They taste awful.  
This casserole is the **worst** thing I have ever eaten. I think they put too many peppers in it.

*What is the worst thing you have ever eaten?*

2. Spook can be a noun. It means something like a ghost. EX: I saw a **spook** in the haunted house on Halloween. Spook can be a verb meaning to scare or frighten. EX: The children **spooked** the birds and they all flew away.

We also use "scare off" to mean spook. EX: The children's loud voices scared off the birds.

*What scares you the most?*

3. We told my son we would take him to Disney World. He was so excited he ran around the house. He was yelling and laughing. We told him to **calm down**. We would take him to Disney World next year when he was 6. He calmed down then and said, "No fair. I want to go now!"

*Many American parents plan a trip to Disney World with their children. Is there a place in your country parents usually take their children?*

4. That fancy **clothing** store is **closing**. No one was buying the **clothes** in that store, so they **closed**. No one wants to **wear** those fancy suits. Most people **wear** more casual clothing now. **Where** would I **wear** a fancy suit? I don't go to fancy places.

*Where would you wear fancy clothes?*

5. A girl stood at the water's **edge**. She looked like she was thinking of jumping in. But she had on all her clothes, a heavy coat and boots. If she went **over the edge**, she might drown. We **edged** closer to her. We would save her if she decided to jump.

Mother was **on edge** as she watched the children cutting the pie. She said, "Be careful when you use that knife. It has a sharp **edge**. You might cut yourself."

6. I am **very wary** when someone offers to sell me a cheap watch on the street. Lots of those watches are not really valuable. They are cheap copies. They are **knock-offs**.

*Have you ever bought a knock-off?*

My mother taught me to **be wary** of strangers. I am **on my guard** around people I don't know.

*Did your parents warn you not to talk to strangers?*

7. Are there other words in the table above that you don't know how to use?

### **Easy Stories Plus Lesson 11: A New Bed**

Patti More lives in a big city. Her mother lives outside the city in a small town. Next week, Patti's mother is coming for a visit. Patti has a problem. She doesn't have a bed. Patti sleeps on the sofa every night.

Patti doesn't mind sleeping on the sofa. It is comfortable and it doesn't take up a lot of space in her small apartment. But the sofa is not a good place for her mother to sleep. Her mother is old and sometimes her back hurts.

Patti goes to many stores. She looks at different beds. There are hard beds and soft beds, large beds and small beds. Finally, Patti finds a very good bed. It costs \$500. She buys the

bed. Then Patti spends another \$175 on new pillows, sheets, a blanket and a bedspread. This will be very good for my mother. She will love this bed.

Patti's mother arrives on Sunday. "Mother," says Patti. "You look tired. You can sleep on this good bed."

"Thank you, Patti," says Mother. "But my back is hurting. I can't sleep on a bed. I want to sleep on the floor. I will lie down right here."

**Questions:**

1. Do Patti and her mother live in the same city?
2. What problem does Patti have?
3. Where does Patti sleep?
4. Why doesn't Patti sleep on a bed?
5. Why does Patti think her mother needs a bed?
6. What does Patti pay for the bed?
7. What does Patti pay for the other things?
8. Where did Patti's mother sleep?

**Match these opposites from the story.**

tired	large
old	day
small	good
hard	new
night	get up
bad	rested
lie down	a little
a lot	soft

**Discuss:**

1. Do you mind:

- sleeping on the floor
- working on Saturday
- speaking English on the phone
- sitting near someone who is smoking
- lending someone money
- traveling for hours on a plane
- receiving phone calls after 10 PM
- living in a small apartment
- staying in other people's homes
- sitting all day
- having people staying in your home several nights

2. In your country, do you live in a city or a small town?

3. Do you have back problems? Do you have anything that hurts you all the time?

## SCHOOL SUPPLIES

Natalie is six years old. She is very excited about starting first grade. When she is at the store with her father, she sees an aisle with school supplies. She stops and looks at all the wonderful supplies. Her father goes to get some milk.

Natalie picks up some pencils. The pencils are pretty colors. There are blue ones and pink ones and lavender ones. She decides she needs to have these colorful pencils. Natalie sees a pink notebook with butterflies on it. She loves pink and she loves butterflies. She decides she needs this notebook. Natalie sees a package of markers. She loves to draw with markers. She decides she needs the markers. Then she thinks, I'll need some paper too. I'd better get some. Natalie keeps finding supplies she needs for school. Soon, she has a large stack of school supplies.

Her father returns with a gallon of milk. "Look, Dad. I found some things I really need for school. Will you buy them for me, please?" Her dad looks at the large stack of school supplies. He says, "These markers are expensive, Natalie. They cost \$8.00. And this notebook with butterflies on it is nice, but we have some old notebooks at home you can use."

Natalie says, "But Dad, I don't want to use the old notebooks. They are Andy's notebooks. They have pictures of cars and dinosaurs on them. I don't like cars or dinosaurs. I like butterflies." Dad says, "Natalie, I know you want these supplies, but, today is June 1st. School doesn't start until September. That is three months away. I don't have any extra money for school supplies today. I can't buy them for you. But I promise, I will save some money for your supplies. At the end of August, we will come back to the store and get the supplies you need. And we will buy you a pink notebook with butterflies."

Natalie was a little sad and disappointed. But her father always bought things for her if she really needed them. She knew he tried to give her what she wanted if he could afford it. She was happy that he promised to buy her supplies in August. Her dad always kept his promises. So she kissed him. Then, she and her father carefully put all the supplies back on the shelf.

1. What is Natalie excited about?
2. What did Natalie see at the store?
3. Where did her father go?
4. What did Natalie like about the pencils?
5. Describe the notebook Natalie liked?
6. What else did Natalie choose?
7. Why didn't her dad buy the markers and the notebook?
8. Why didn't Natalie like the old notebooks?
9. What did her dad promise her?
10. How did Natalie feel when her dad wouldn't buy the supplies?
11. What made her feel better?
12. Do your children beg for things when you go to the store? How do you deal with that?