

## FUMC ESL 7-1-2021 High Intermediate and Advanced Lesson

Introduce yourself. Tell where you are from and where you live now. What chores do you **not mind** doing at all. (For example, one of my chores is to launder everyone's clothes and put them away in the chest of drawers. I actually like doing that. I enjoy getting the warm, fluffy clothes out of the dryer and folding them neatly. Do you have a "favorite" chore?)

### More WORK Terms

1-The dirty work is the most unpleasant job. At my house, the drain at the bottom of the sink sometimes stops up. Someone has to take the drain apart and pull the gunk out. This is dirty work. My husband usually does all the dirty work at my house. So he will usually clean the drain.

Who does the dirty work at your house? What chores at your house do you consider "dirty work"?

2-If you make short work of something, you finish it quickly. EX: With all these people helping, we'll make short work of this task.

Talk about a time when you had a lot of people help with a chore.

3-If you work the crowd, you excite or entertain people. EX: The governor can really work the crowd. He shakes hands, kisses babies, asks people how they are feeling, tells jokes to the old farmers, and generally makes everyone love him within a short period.

Do politicians work the crowd in your country?

4-The puppy was very frightened when we brought him home. He worked his way under the recliner and stayed there until we lured him out with food. OR Jeff started as a file clerk in the office, but he worked hard and learned fast, and he finally worked his way up to manager.

5-If you work toward something, you have a goal in mind. EX: She was working toward a law degree when the accident happened.

What are you working toward?

6-If you work your fingers to the bone, you work extremely hard. EX: Mother retired this year after a lifetime as a housecleaner. She worked for a big family with lots of kids. She did the washing, sweeping, mopping, cooking, dishwashing and took care of the kids. Then she came home and did the same thing for our family. She really worked her fingers to the bone. Now, she says she'll just sit in her easy chair and watch TV. She deserves a rest.

Who in your family works their fingers to the bone?

Do you think people worked harder in your grandparents time than they do now?

### The Light Between Oceans, part 8

An **inquisitive** gull watched Tom from its seaweed covered rock. It followed him as Tom wrapped the man's body in the canvas. It was hard to tell what the man might have been in life. His face was neither young nor old. His hair was blonde and he was not tall. He had a small scar on his left cheek

After burying the man and patting the top of his grave into a neat mound, he knelt and prayed. "Forgive me, Lord, for this, and all my sins. And forgive Isabel. You know how much goodness there is in her. And

you know how much she's suffered. Forgive us both and have mercy on our souls." He crossed himself and turned to the boat.

1. Who is Tom burying?
2. Is Tom going to do what Isabel asked or is he going to do what he knows he should?
3. Why does Tom pray for forgiveness and mercy?

As he drug the boat back into the water, a light reflected off something in the **bow**. He **peered** into the hull. **Wedged** up under the bow of the boat was a shiny, silver rattle, **decorated** with angels. He turned it over and over as if it would give him a **clue**. Finally he **thrust** it into his pocket. There was no way to know how the man and baby came to be in the boat. But only by telling himself Isabel's story that the child was an orphan could he sleep at night. He tried not to think about it. He pushed the boat out into **the southerly current** and started the **steep trek** up the path. The next day, he stood by Isabel tapping out the message to the mainland.

*"Message from Janus Rock: Baby arrived early. Took us by surprise. Isabel and baby are fine. No need for medical help. Little girl. Lucy." Tom was surprised how easy the lie was.*

Seven weeks later, Ralph arrived with the supply boat. He greeted Tom with **a bear hug**. "Congratulations, Tom. The whole village is excited about the arrival of your little one. It's marvelous. Especially after...well after what happened before." Tom looked away and out to sea. They unloaded the boat and hiked up the path to the cottage. Isabel greeted them warmly and offered tea and cake. They sat at the table with the baby napping in her crib next to them. Ralph said, "My wife, Hilda, has sent a whole basket of **goodies** for you and the little one, Isabel." He leaned over to examine the baby more closely. Tom and Isabel shared a quick, nervous glance. "She's a pretty little thing from what I can see," said Ralph.

1. Who is Ralph?
2. Who is Hilda?
3. What is the whole village excited about?
4. What did Isabel offer Ralph?
5. What did Hilda send?
6. Why are Isabel and Tom nervous when Ralph examines the baby?

The baby began **to stir** and Ralph reached over and picked up a silver **rattle** in the crib. He **jangled** it at the baby who was now awake. The baby watched Ralph and the rattle **intently**.

"You're a lucky one, aren't you, getting such a fancy silver rattle. Fit for a princess. I've never seen anything so fine. With angels on the handle and everything."

Isabel quickly said, "Oh it was left over from...you know...before."

"I'm sorry you and Tom had such a hard time before. But now, with this little angel, everything has come out all right. Motherhood suits you, Isabel. Your cheeks are rosy and your face is glowing. I'll give Hilda and your parents a full report on the baby. They can't wait to see you around Christmas."

1. What did Ralph pick up from the baby's crib?
2. What comment did Ralph make about the rattle?
3. Does Ralph think the arrival of Lucy makes up for the miscarriages Isabel had?
4. Who will Ralph give a full report to?
5. What kind of man is Ralph?

Isabel adored the baby and very quickly Tom did too. She was such a joy to them both that they **put aside any concerns** about the way she arrived. They didn't have leave until just before Christmas 1927.

Lucy was a **toddler** not yet two years old, when the little family from Janus Rock made their first journey to Partageuse. It would be Lucy's first **voyage** to the mainland. As they prepared to leave, Isabel had **toyed** with finding an excuse to stay behind with her little girl in the safety of Janus.

"Are you ok, Izz?" said Tom when he saw her staring blankly out the window?

"Oh yes," she said quickly. "Just making sure I've packed everything."

Tom put his arm around her shoulder. "Nervous?"

She quickly grabbed some of the baby's clothes and stuffed them in the suitcase. "No, not at all."

1. Why did Isabel think about not returning to Partageuse?
2. Why did Isabel hide how she felt from Tom?

The **unease** Isabel hid from Tom **vanished** at the sight of Lucy in her mother's arms. Her mother, Violet, wept and smiled and laughed all at the same time. "My blessed grandchild, I've been waiting almost two years to see you!" Isabel smiled watching her mother with Lucy. "God doesn't make mistakes," thought Isabel. He had sent the girl to the right place. Look at all the happiness she caused.

1. What made Isabel think she had done the right thing in keeping Lucy?

Dr. Sumpton was the doctor in Partageuse. Isabel had promised to see him while they were on the mainland. Isabel and Tom had tried to get pregnant again, but it never happened. Tom thought something might be wrong.

"So, What is it, Dr. Sumpton? What's wrong with me? Why am I not getting pregnant again?" she asked.

"Isabel, I think you're going through the change of life. I know you're kind of young for that, but it happens sometimes. I doubt that you will be able to get pregnant again. I'm sorry. Luckily, you have a precious daughter. Try to be happy with what you have and not worry about what you don't have."

As she walked back to her parent's house, Isabel tried not to cry. She had a loving husband and an adorable child. It would be greedy to want more. Lucy would just have to be their only one.

1. Did Dr. Sumpton think Isabel would have more children?
2. How did Isabel feel about that?