

FUMC ESL 8-30-2021 High Beginning and Low Intermediate Lesson

Introduce yourself. Tell where you are from and where you live now. What is your favorite American holiday. What is your favorite holiday in your country?

Pronunciation Practice: Long E sound

EE makes the long E sound

beef	three	see	need	feed	week	feel
green	cheek	teeth	speech	keep	deep	sweet

EA usually makes the long E sound

weak	tea	read	speak	pea	sea	leak
lead	team	eat	dream	please	heat	meal
clean	leaf	steal	jeans	each	cheap	least
ear	year	beard	dear	seal	steal	weave

IE also makes the long E sound most of the time

field	brief	grieve	achieve	relief	chief	priest
thief	shield	movie	niece	believe	brownie	fifties

Compare these long e and short e words. Notice how the vowel sound changes.

feed - fed feel - fell cheek - check read - read lead - lead team - Ted

seal - sell week - wet reed - red bee - bed speed - spell sheet - set

sleep - slept feel - felt beet - bet mean - men jeep - jet

GRAMMAR: Last week we talked about prepositions. **Watch this slide show** about the prepositions ON, AT and IN. Then do the exercise below.

Fill in the blank with ON, AT or IN.

1. Meet me _____ the corner.
2. She met me _____ the garden.
3. There is a fly _____ the ceiling.
4. Someone is _____ the door.
5. She was born _____ France.
6. Our house is _____ the end of the road.
7. My wallet is _____ my pocket.
8. My shoes are _____ the floor.

9. We flew _____ a helicopter.
10. We rode _____ a horse.
11. She lives _____ a nice neighborhood.
12. She lives _____ 7th Street.
13. We heard her _____ the radio.
14. I read it _____ the newspaper.
15. She came _____ 3 o'clock.
16. _____ the past, there were no cars.
17. _____ Christmas day, we opened presents.
18. She came _____ my birthday.
19. We stopped _____ noon.
20. She is _____ the elevator.
21. There are many stars _____ the sky _____ night.
22. There aren't many vegetables _____ the menu.
23. We will swim _____ the summer.
24. I don't work _____ weekends.
25. We will leave _____ May.
26. I only walk _____ the daytime.
27. I'm afraid to walk _____ night.

Comprehension: Read these conversations and explain what is happening. Tell what the idiom in bold means.

Ginny: Do you want to order some pizza?

Dot: Yes, I love pizza.

Ginny: OK, I'll order a sausage pizza.

Dot: Do you mind if we have mushroom pizza instead of sausage. I don't usually eat meat.

Ginny: Sure, **I'm easy**. We can order any kind you like.

Dot: Thanks, Ginny. You're **easy to get along with**.

Ginny: Life is too short to worry about little things.

1. What kind of pizza does Ginny want to order?
2. Why doesn't Dot like sausage pizza?
3. Is Ginny hard to get along with?
4. What does Ginny mean in the last line of the conversation?

Jan: I can't believe you made this dress for your daughter. It's beautiful. I can't sew at all.

Sue: Sewing is **easy as apple pie**. I'm sure you could learn quickly.

Jan: Do you think you could teach me to sew?

Sue: Of course. **It's child's play**, really. But, it does take a lot of time. You could also **take the easy way out** and just buy your daughter a dress.

1. Who asks for sewing lessons?
2. How does Sue feel about learning to sew.
3. What is the easy way out?

Doctor: Mr. Jones, your heart is not strong. I want you to go home and **take it easy**.

Mr. Jones: My wife isn't going to let me take it easy. She has a lot of chores she wants me to do.

Doctor: Tell your wife to **go easy on you**. You can do a few light chores, but no chores that get your heart rate up.

Mr. Jones: That's **easier said than done**, Doc. We live on a farm and if I don't chop the wood, we'll freeze. My wife isn't strong enough to chop wood. I also have to milk the cows every morning. My wife is afraid of our cows. She won't get near them.

Doctor: Mr. Jones, I don't want you chopping wood and milking cows. Your heart won't take it. I want you sitting in your **easy chair** and enjoying some quiet music. You'll have to get someone to come in and help you with the chores.

Mr. Jones: That's **easy for you to say**, Doc. Good help is hard to find. Kids these days are used to an **easier lifestyle**. They aren't looking for a job chopping wood.

1. What advice does the doctor give Mr. Jones?
2. Why can't Mr. Jones take it easy?
3. Does the doctor think it's OK for Mr. Jones to chop wood and milk cows?
4. Why can't Mr. Jones find someone to help him with his chores?

Doctor: I told Mr. Jones he must not chop wood and milk cows. Do you think he will listen to my advice?

Mrs. Jones: I don't know, Doctor Martin. He is **hard headed**. He always says a little **hard work** isn't going to kill anyone.

Doctor: But in this case, hard work might kill him. I tried to explain that to him.

Mrs. Jones: Don't **be too hard on him**, doctor. He had a **hard life**. His parents died when he was young. He had to quit school and go to work at 14. He has worked hard his whole life. Telling him he can't work on the farm is going to **hit him hard**. Running his farm is all he knows. Being told he can't work any more will be a **hard pill to swallow for him**. **No hard feelings**, Dr. Martin, but my husband will probably ignore your advice.

Doctor: Can't your son help out on the farm?

Mrs. Jones: Our son wants nothing to do with farming. My husband was **hard on our son**. He made him get up with the sun every morning and do chores before he went to school. My son was **a hard man, but a fair one**. He wanted to teach our boy to work hard. But as soon as our son finished school, he left for the city. He works in an office now. He only visits twice a year.

1. Does hard headed mean the same as stubborn?
2. What does Mrs. Jones mean when she says, "Don't be too hard on him?"
3. Explain Mr. Jones hard life.
4. Do you think Mr. Jones will follow the doctor's advice?
5. How does their son feel about farming?
6. What does "get up with the sun" mean?
7. Do you think Mr. Jones was mean to his son?
8. Were your parents "hard on you" when you were growing up?