

FUMC ESL 8-9-2021 High Intermediate and Advanced Lesson

Introduce yourself. Tell where you are from and where you live now. Answer the question below.

Question: Are you thick skinned or thin skinned? Hint: To be "thin-skinned" is to be sensitive, especially to criticism and slights. "Thick-skinned" means someone is not upset or offended over **trivial** things. They may even **shrug off** insults.

QUIZ: Put *other, others* or *another* in the blank.

1. I've been to Thailand, Japan and many _____ Asian countries.
2. Are there _____ you would like to visit?
3. You said you are afraid to visit North Korea. Is there _____ that you are afraid to visit?
4. If I get _____ chance to travel this year, I'll probably go to Cambodia.
5. I'd like _____ cola please.
6. I'm sorry, but we are out of cola. Is there _____ kind of drink you would like?
7. What _____ kinds do you have?
8. We have many _____, including lemonade and fruit punch.
9. Only two of the vending machines work. The _____ are all broken.
10. There is _____ machine in the break room. I'll try it.
11. There is one _____ machine in the lobby downstairs. We could try it as well.

Pronouncing TH: Practice these word pairs.

thin - tin	thigh - tie	thorn - torn	fourth - fort
thug - tug	both - boat	death - debt	faith - fate
three - the	tree - three	than - tan	weather - whether
smooth - move	thank - think	moth - both	you - youth
teeth - tooth	this - that	thrill - through	thick - thin
them - there	throat - throw	tenth - math	cloth - clothes
further - farther	though - throw	through - though	the - theory
thorough - through	bath - moth	math - myth	both - oath

Pronouncing F and V.

Say F. Say V. Notice where your top teeth are for each sound. Say these word pairs:

fine - vine	wife - wives	wolf - wolves	life - lives	knife - knives	ferry - very
safe - save	half - have	loaf - loaves	fat - vat	fan - van	stuff - stove
leaf - leave	proof - prove	foul - vowel	fast - vast	belief - believe	grief - grieve

Expressions Without Prepositions

These verbs are normally followed by direct objects without prepositions. Examples:

discuss your plans **not discuss about your plans**

marry a friend, **not marry with a friend**

The child doesn't resemble his parents, **not resemble to his parents.**

Conversation stopped as we entered the church, **not entered to the church.**

Compare these sentences. One uses a preposition after the verb, the other doesn't. Is there a difference in meaning. Do you see a grammatical pattern?

1-He lacks experience. It cost him the job. His lack **of** experience cost him the job.

2-The train approached London and slowed to a crawl. On its approach **to** London, the train slowed to a crawl.

We usually leave out the preposition **AT** before **what time**.

What time does Granny's train arrive? You can say "At what time does her train arrive?" but it is quite formal and used more in British English than American English.

In an informal style, **for** is often left out in expressions that say how long something lasts. EX: I've been here three weeks already. (It is also correct to say "**for** three weeks".)

We often leave out **in** in expressions like "in this way, in the same way, in another way". EX: They plant corn the same way their ancestors did. To avoid the bully, we went another way home. Please come this way.

We do not use **to** before home.

EX: I'm going home. NOT I'm going to home.

Some questions end in a preposition. Put the correct preposition in the blank.

1. Who's the gift _____?
2. What are you looking _____?
3. Who did you go _____?
4. Which flight is he traveling _____?
5. What kind of books are you interested _____?
6. What are you worried _____?
7. Is this the house you told me _____?
8. Where do you come _____?
9. Who's she talking _____?

10. Which car are you interested _____?
11. Children hate being fussed _____?
12. Who are you waiting _____?
13. Who are you going _____?
14. Which mall did you go _____?

Read this story and discuss it with your group.

When I was young I got teased by the other kids. I was geeky and shy, and besides I had red hair and big teeth. I wasn't used to hanging out with kids. My dad left when I was two years old. So I spent my days hanging out with my mom or grandparents. Sometimes Mom would even take me to work with her at J.C. Penney. The other women there were all older. They thought I was cute. They'd prop me up and ask me to sing country songs. Singing was something I could do. Mother thought music was important and we sang along with the records at home. But at school, life was hell. I didn't have any of the "cool" clothes because Mom couldn't afford them. And I was an awful soccer and basketball player. I was always picked last in games. I was the geeky red headed kid with the high voice. But when I started middle school, Mom talked to the choir teacher, Mrs. Norton. Mrs. Norton asked me to join the choir. When I sang for her she said, "You sing in church, don't you?" I said yes. I'd been singing in church for about four years. Mrs. Norton said she could tell because I had a really big voice that could reach all the way to the back row. She told me I had a gift. She said not everyone can sing like you, Clay. God has given you a beautiful voice and you must use it. I joined the choir and started singing at all the school events. The kids were amazed that a little geeky kid like me had such a great voice. Pretty soon, nobody cared about how I looked. I was just the kid that could sing. I am so thankful for Mrs. Norton. She flattered me and encouraged me to sing. Without her pushing me, I might have given up singing. We are still friends today.

This story was by Clay Aiken. He was on "American Idol" in 2003 and since then has made several records and appeared in a holiday special TV show.

Did you have someone who believed in you and encouraged you when you were young?
Did you ever feel like the geeky kid?
Do you enjoy singing?
What is a special talent you have?