

FUMC ESL 9-13-2021 High Intermediate and Advanced Lesson

Introduce yourself: Tell where you are from and where you live now. Answer: How many siblings do you have and which one are you closest to.

Answer these questions:

1. One thing I never worry about is...
2. I will never make my kids eat...
3. If I could go back to college, I would study...
4. Kids used to make fun of me because...
5. A subject I always made good grades in was...
6. Before I came to the U.S., I worked as a ...
7. When I'm driving, I don't like people to...
8. My favorite kind of pizza is ...

These terms are used to describe family. Say the word and make a sentence with it. If you don't know the meaning of the word, ask the teacher.

bachelor	foster parent	genealogy	nephew
fiancé	juvenile	groom	patriarch
cousin	kin	grownup	offspring
kinfolk	progeny	maternal grandparent	orphan
inlaw	stepmom	paternal grandparent	close knit
folks	blended family	offspring	descendant
widow	widower	uncle	aunt
niece	ex	extended family	nuclear family
twins	triplets	multiples	only child

Conversations About Family: Explain the idioms in bold text. Explain the conversation.

Samantha: I hated to see Jenn and Chris break up. We loved Chris. He was like **one of the family**. We'll miss him.

Aunt Jane: Jenn is **following in her mother's footsteps**. Her mother broke up with several guys before she finally found **the love of her life**. She and her husband have been married for forty years.

Samantha: You know, my mother used to say, "**You have to kiss a few frogs to find a prince**." I guess Jenn's mom believed that.

Aunt Jane: Haha. That is an old saying. My mother used to say that, too. But I'm not sure it's true. I met Uncle Dan as a freshman in high school. We dated all through high school and college and married as soon as we graduated. I've never regretted marrying my first boyfriend.

1-Jenn's mother said you have to kiss a few frogs to find a prince. But Aunt Jane married her first boyfriend and never regretted it. Which one do you agree with?

2-Do you have any sayings in your country about finding that right mate?

Cindy: Your daughter is very pretty. Where does she get that beautiful red hair?

Sue: Thank you. My daughter is my **pride and joy**. Red hair **runs in the family**. My mother was a redhead, and two of my sisters are. In fact, my daughter is the **spitting image of** my sister.

1-What traits "run in your family"?

2-Who are you the "spitting image" of?

Terri: My uncle is the **black sheep of the family**. He **can't stay out of trouble**. He's been like that since he was a young boy. Usually it's **small time stuff** like **shoplifting** or selling his friends marijuana. But recently he stole a guy's bike. He thought he'd get off with just a fine, but it turns out it was an expensive racing bike worth over \$6,000. Stealing something worth that much is a **felony** in this state. He might go to jail.

Tammie: I bet your dad is embarrassed about that.

Terri: The whole family is embarrassed. My dad is ready to kill him. We're glad my grandmother isn't alive to see this. She couldn't ever figure out why my uncle got in so much trouble. All her other kids are great. They all finished college, got good jobs and are happily married.

Do you have any black sheep in your family?

Tom: My wife definitely **wears the pants** in our family. She controls everything. She tells me where we're going on vacation. She decides which school the kids will go to. And she pays all the bills. I just **hand over** my paycheck to her.

Sandra: Does that make you **feel less of a man**?

Tom: Heck, no. I love it that she **takes charge**. It makes it easier for me. She is very competent and I never worry about anything she plans. I don't have time to research kid's schools or plan vacations. I just focus on my job.

Sandra: That might not work for every man.

Tom: It might not. But it works great for my family.

Is this the way your family works?

Shane: Beth and I have decided to become **foster parents**. There are just too many kids stuck waiting for good homes.

Carol: That's terrific. You two are such great parents.

Shane: Thanks. It's a good time to do it. Our two kids are off at college now and we have time to **devote to** kids who don't have parents. We feel like we know how to parent now.

Carol: You are **taking on** a big responsibility, but it's a **worthwhile contribution** to society.

Would you ever consider being a foster parent? Why or why not?

Kay: My mom gave birth to four kids in 6 years. I can't imagine how she did it. And she not only gave birth to us, she raised us pretty much by herself. My dad was in the Navy. He would be gone for six months at a time on his ship. We were never sure exactly where he was. And you couldn't just pick up a phone and call him. So Mom made all the decisions and took care of everything.

Lea: Your Mom is very resourceful. She finds solutions to problems so quickly. Anytime I need help on something, I ask your mom.

Kay: Yes, she can do most anything, from repairing cars to baking a wedding cake. We didn't have a lot of money, so Mom just learned to do everything herself. There's nothing she can't do.

1-Someone who is resourceful is creative, inventive, clever. Does this describe your mother?

2-In what ways do you "take after" your mother?

3-What's advice did your mother give you? Did you follow it?

4-Have you ever lied to your mother?