

FUMC ESL 9-27-2021 High Intermediate and Advanced Lesson

Introduce yourself. Tell where you are from and where you live now. What personality trait do you look for in a good friend?

Pronunciation Quiz: Which of these word pairs rhyme (sound the same except for first letter).. Ask the teacher about any words you don't know the meaning of.

cork - work	cough - dough	tough - dough	tough - rough	bough - bow
card - ward	font - front	word - sword	heard - dread	dead - bed
dead - bead	bird - heard	cone - done	seed - deed	meat - great

Choose the best phrase to finish these sentences.

1-Dave is away at the moment. I don't know exactly when he's coming back, but...

- I'm sure he'll be back by the weekend.
- he isn't back soon.
- he comes now.

2-I saw Steve at a concert on Friday night. He said he doesn't usually enjoy classical music, but...

- he didn't enjoy this one.
- he really enjoyed this concert.
- he enjoys this.

3-I'll be in London next week. I hope I get a chance to see Tim...

- during my visiting.
- if I'm there.
- while I'm there.

4-They are very kind to me. They treat me...

- like mean
- like I am.
- like a son.

5-What's that sound? It sounds.....a baby crying.

- as if
- as though
- like

6-The club is for members only. If you aren't a member, you...

- aren't go in
- can't went in.
- can't go in.

7-If you leave your bike unlocked, it...

- might be stolen.
- would be stolen.
- in case it is stolen.

8-These shoes are uncomfortable. I'm going to...

- take it off.
- take shoes off.
- take them off.

- 9-You can always rely on Sara. She'll never...
 put you up.
 let you down.
 see you off.
- 10-Paul and Sara seemed very happy together. I'm surprised they have...
 broke it off.
 ended up.
 split up.
- 11-I parked in a no-parking zone, but I...
 came up with it.
 got on with it.
 got away with it.
- 12-I couldn't sleep last night very tired.
 despite I was
 even though I was
 in spite of I was
- 13-Lou left last month. She...
 still doesn't work here.
 no more works here.
 doesn't work here any more.
- 14-Joe never phones me. I...
 have phone him.
 always have to phone him.
 maybe phone him.

Adjectives to describe people.

confident: Someone who is **confident** is sure they have the ability to do the job. They have **confidence** in themselves.

dependable: Someone who does what they said they would do is **dependable**. You can **depend** on them.

Mary: I interviewed for a job today. I believe I will get it.

Beth: You are very **confident**. Why do you think you will get the job?

Mary: I have a good resume. I have the job skills the company needs. I prepared and stayed calm through the whole interview. I think they will hire me.

Beth: I wish I was **confident**. I am nervous at job interviews. I never know what to say. I am always scared they won't like me. I don't have your **self-confidence**.

Mary: Beth, believe in yourself! You are a great employee. You have good skills and you are **dependable**. You do what you say you will do. I can always **depend** on you. You should have confidence in yourself.

1. Who interviewed for a job?
2. Why does Mary feel confident?
3. Why isn't Beth confident?
4. What does, "believe in yourself" mean?
5. What adjective does Mary use to describe Beth?
6. Are you more like Mary or more like Beth?

humble (noun form is humility): Someone who is humble doesn't think they are important. They don't talk about themselves.

boastful: Someone who talks about themselves and brags about their achievements. This is the opposite of humble.

Donna: June is very **humble**. She graduated at the top of her class. But she never **boasts** about that.

Jim: I didn't know she made such good grades.

Donna: No one knows because she doesn't talk about herself. But she is very bright. She's just not a **boastful** person.

Jim: **Humility** is a good personal trait. Everyone likes June. But it can be hard to get a job if you are too humble. You have to sell your strengths at a job interview. I don't know if June can do that.

1. Who is humble?
2. Is Jim boastful?
3. What does Jim mean when he says, "Humility is a good personal trait."
4. What does Jim mean when he says you have to "sell your strengths"?
5. Why does Jim say it can be hard to get a job if you are too humble?
6. Do you think Jim is right about getting a job if you are a humble person?
7. Can you be too humble?

courageous (courage is the noun form) brave

cheerful (happy)

Bill: Jan is so **courageous**. I don't think I could have gone through what she did and come out being calm and **cheerful**.

Ellen: Yes, she has a lot of **courage**. She went through months of cancer treatments. She was really tired and frequently nauseous during the treatments. All her hair fell out and her fingers and toes got numb. But she kept an **upbeat attitude** the whole time. That does take courage to put on a happy face every day even though you are hurting.

1. What did Jan go through?
2. Why do Bill and Ellen admire Jan?
3. Tell about a courageous person you know.

generous (**generosity** is the noun form): a generous person gives to others

compassionate: showing sympathy for others

Sandy: Wendy is very **generous**. She doesn't make a lot of money, but she always gives something to the homeless woman on the corner. She is always the first one to donate when someone is raising money for a good cause. And one time, when it was raining, she gave her umbrella to an old woman who was waiting for the bus in the rain.

Dell: Yes, she is **compassionate**. She feels for other people. She always thinks about what others are feeling.

1. What are some examples of Wendy's generosity?
2. Some companies are compassionate, giving time off to employees for the illness or death of a family member or for both parents when a child is born. Have you worked for a compassionate company? What kinds of things did they do?
3. Some health care workers are experiencing "compassion fatigue". Fatigue means being tired. Health care workers are burned out or tired of dealing with sick Covid patients. Many are beginning to express resentment at non-vaccinated patients who end up requiring a lot of care in a hospital. Can you sympathize with this feeling of compassion fatigue?

Idioms That Refer to Characteristics of People: Explain the paragraphs.

1-If someone you admired is found to have weaknesses and faults, they are said to have **feet of clay**. EX: I thought Jim would be a good candidate for mayor, but he has feet of clay. He was arrested for shop-lifting a couple of times. I thought he was better than that.

2-A person who is **full of hot air** is full of nonsense and is not believable. EX: You can't believe a word he says. He's full of hot air.

In general, are most politicians full of hot air, or do you think most of them are sincere in wanting to serve the people?

3-Someone who is **holier than thou** acts morally superior. EX: He held a Bible while he talked and acted holier than thou. But he is well known to cheat his business partners and assault women. He's a real hypocrite. He acts like he has virtues, but he doesn't.

hypocrite-someone who says they believe in moral behavior, but do things that are immoral.

In this country, at this time, many politicians love to quote the Bible publicly. They are trying to win votes by appearing very religious. Does this happen in your country?

5-A **jack of all trades** is a person who has lots of different skills. EX: Jeff is good at carpentry, electrical work and plumbing. He's really a jack of all trades.

There is a negative expression as well: **jack of all trades, master of none**. This refers to someone who knows a little bit about a lot of things, but is not very skillful at any one thing.

6-A person who does something stupid or ridiculous that causes everyone to laugh at them is a **laughing stock**. EX: If you wear that ridiculous outfit to work, you'll be the laughing stock of the office.