

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

Introduce yourself. Tell where you are from and where you live now. Answer: Do you think renting or owning a house is best?

Pronouncing Silent Letters:

Silent L: talk, walk, chalk, stalk sidewalk, folk, yolk, calf, half, calm, palm, salmon, could, would, should

Silent P: psalm, psychology, psychiatrist, receipt

Silent T: listen, fasten, whistle, Christmas

Silent GH: high, light, might, night, fight, height, flight, bright, weigh, weight, eight, neighbor, caught, taught, bought, fought, thought, dough, though, through

Tell what letter is silent in these words:

write	rough	gnaw	hour	whole	ghost	honor
wrestle	buffet	sign	lamb	campaign	thumb	plumber

Pronouncing Past Tense Verbs:

Regular past tense verbs end in ED. But verbs ending in ED are not always pronounced the same. There are 3 ways ED endings can be pronounced.

1-Final ed is pronounced "T" after the following ending sounds: k,p,s,ch,sh,f.

Examples: Looked, clapped, missed, watched, finished, laughed

2-Final ed is pronounced "D" after the following sounds: l,v,n,b and all vowel sounds

Examples: Smelled, saved, cleaned, robbed, played

3-Final ed is pronounced as ED after t and d sounds. The sound ed adds a whole syllable to a word.

Examples: decided, needed, wanted, invited

Pronounce the words in the chart below:

suggested	talked	accepted	added
achieved	cooked	allowed	behaved
attended	absorbed	buried	divided
established	adapted	hoped	kissed
answered	happened	followed	invited
affected	analyzed	appreciated	assumed

Choose the correct word. Use your dictionary to help you.

1. The sponge (absorbed/analyzed) most of the liquid.
2. The winner (accepted/ assumed) the gold medal.
3. We (assumed/ invited) you didn't want to go to the party.
4. The wet weather (established/ affected) the athlete's performance.
5. They (analyzed/ assumed) the chemical formula to see if there were harmful substances in the drink.
6. The brothers (attended/ established) their company in 1909.
7. We (approached/allowed) the dogs carefully because we were afraid they would bite.
8. They (absorbed /appreciated) your gift.
9. We (invited/attended) all the football games this season.
10. Do you think polar bears have (behaved/adapted) to the changing climate?

Conversations: Read and explain. Pay attention to the underlined phrases.

Lou: My son, John, is applying to colleges now. He wants to go to a top university. His favorite is the University of Texas, but he's not sure he'll be accepted.

Jack: I think I can pull a few strings to get John accepted at the university. After all the admissions counselor is a friend of mine. To put it another way, I have the inside track on university admissions.

Lou: Jack, I know you mean well by offering to help John get admitted, but I've told John he shouldn't put all his eggs in one basket. He should still make good grades and do well on his exams.

Jack: You are right that John should study hard and make good grades. Top-rated universities put a premium on good grades and high test scores. I am willing to help John, if he needs it. But getting the highest possible scores is a sure way to get admitted. And John is right to apply to all the top schools. It's hard to put a price on a degree from a top university. It will open many doors for John. Don't put much stock in these people that advise kids to avoid college and get hands-on business experience instead. Employers will still look for a degree on your resume. Getting a good job without a degree can really pose a challenge.

Lou: You are right. I dropped out of school after two years. It took me forever to find a good job. I had to pound the pavement for months before I got an offer.

1. Who is John? What is he doing now?
2. What is John's favorite university?
3. What does Jack offer to do to help John?
4. Who is a friend of Jack's?
5. Does Jack agree it's hard to get in the university?
6. If someone offered to pull strings for you to get you something you wanted, would you let them?

7. How important is it to go to the "right" school?
8. Is a college degree more important than hands-on experience?

Match the idioms with the best definition.

pull strings	to put an especially high value on something
have the inside track	don't put much faith or belief in something
put all your eggs in one basket	create opportunities for you
put a premium on	search thoroughly for something, literally can mean go door to door asking for something
open doors	make use of your contacts and influence to get what you want
don't put much stock in	active participation in something, not just a theory
hands-on	don't concentrate all your effort on only one means of success.
pose a challenge	to have an advantage because of special knowledge about something
pound the pavement	to present a difficult problem

Real Estate Agent: Are you interested in putting in an offer on the house I showed you last week?

Client: I'm not sure. I hate to keep putting you off, but we are just not sure that's the right house for us.

Real Estate Agent: What's holding you back?

Client: We love the neighborhood we live in now and hate to move away from our friends. But we really need a bigger house. There are lots of older couples in our neighborhood who are empty nesters. They have big houses, but no children living at home. We are thinking some of them might like to sell their house and move into a smaller home closer to town.

Real Estate Agent: I can contact them if you give me their names. There is nothing wrong with asking them if they'd be interested in selling. You can put feelers out among your friends, too. Your friends may know of others who are thinking of selling. In a seller's market, you have to act quickly when you find someone planning to sell.

Match the idioms to their definition.

put in an offer	a time when houses sell quickly at high prices
put someone off	an early attempt to see what people think of your idea
holding back	hesitate to act

empty nesters	to agree to pay a certain amount for something, usually a house
put out feelers	a parent whose children have grown up and left home
seller's market	postpone or delay