

FUMC ESL 10-25-2021 High Intermediate and Advanced Lesson

Introduce yourself. Tell where you are from and where you live now. Tell something that happened to you this week.

Pronouncing AW and AU

Say these words: pause - paws August - awful sauce - saws

Notice the AW and AU are usually pronounced the same. However, there are some exceptions.

How do you pronounce these words? laugh aunt beauty

The A in ALL has the same sound as AW and AU. haul hall crawl call bawl ball

And OUGH can have the same sound: bought caught cough

OUGH has many variant pronunciations. How would you pronounce these words? dough enough rough bough though trough

Vocabulary:

tailspin: when an aircraft loses control and plunges into the ground or sea, spinning round and round as it goes. Tailspin is often used figuratively to talk about suddenly going down either mentally or physically.

Alma: When my parents died within a few months of each other, I really went into a tailspin. I was sad all the time and didn't have the energy to go to work most days. Eventually I lost my job and my boyfriend.

Kaylen: It sounds like you were spiraling into depression. But you are doing fine now. How did you recover?

Alma: My aunt is a licensed therapist. She reached out to me and suggested we start meeting over coffee. We met twice a week for several months. She gave me several ideas about how to get my life on track.

Kaylen: You were very lucky to have your aunt. She was great to recognize your symptoms and reach out to you.

1. What caused Alma to go into a tailspin?
2. What happened to Alma as a result of her tailspin?
3. Who "reached out to" Alma?
4. How often did they meet?
5. Alma's aunt gave her suggestions to "get her life on track. What does that expression mean?
6. What would you do to help a friend suffering from depression?

strew: If you strew something all over the floor, you scatter it or spread it in a random way.

EX : Lily **strewed** the oatmeal across the floor for the little chick to eat.

glisten: to shine or sparkle EX: The icicles glistened in the sunlight.

The Secret Life of Bees, part 5: Teachers read a paragraph first, then students.

The morning after I woke up T. Ray to show him the bees, I was in my room and looked up to see Rosaleen standing in my doorway.

"What are you doing with that jar?" she said.

"I'm catching bees to prove to T. Ray that I didn't make them up."

"Lord, give me strength" she said. Rosaleen had been shelling butter beans on the porch and sweat **glistened** on her forehead.

1-What does Rosaleen mean by, "Lord, give me strength"?

2-Have you ever shelled beans? What are your favorite kinds of beans?

A bee flew up and landed on the state map I kept tacked on the wall. I watched the bee crawl across the state of South Carolina. I clamped the mouth of the jar against the wall trapping it. When I slid on the lid, it went into a tailspin, throwing itself against the glass over and over. I had made the jar as nice as I could with some flowers fat with pollen. I brought the jar level with my eyes.

"Come look at this thing fight," I said to Rosaleen.

Rosaleen stared at the bee and shook her head. "If you get stung, don't come whining to me," she said.

1-We used to catch lightning bugs in a jar when I was little. Did you ever catch bugs in a jar?

2-What caused the bee to go into a tailspin?

I was the only one who knew that despite her sharp ways, Rosaleen's heart was more tender than a flower and she loved me beyond reason. I hadn't known this until I was eight and she bought me a purple dyed Easter chick. I found it trembling in the corner of its pen, the color of purple grapes, with sad little eyes that looked around for its mother. Rosaleen let me bring it right into the living room where I strewed a box of Quaker Oats on the floor. The chick left little drops of violet streaked poop all over the floor. Rosaleen didn't say a word of protest.

1. What do we learn about Rosaleen in this paragraph?

2. When I was young it was common for parents to buy their kids Easter chickens that were dyed different colors. Have you ever heard of such a tradition?

3. Was Rosaleen upset that the chick pooped on the floor?

We had just started to clean them up when T. Ray burst in. He threatened to boil the chick for dinner and fire Rosaleen for being idiot enough to bring a purple chicken in the house. He started to pick up the chick with his big tractor grease hands, but Rosaleen planted herself in front of him.

"There are worse things in this house than chicken poop," she said. She glared at T. Ray and said, "You ain't touching that chicken."

T. Ray stood there a minute, then wheeled around and walked out of the house. "She loves me!" I thought. And it was the first time that had ever occurred to me.

1. *What did T. Ray do when he discovered chicken poop on the floor?*
2. *What did Rosaleen do to T. Ray?*
3. *What does Rosaleen mean when she says, "There are worse things in this house than chicken poop"?*
4. *Why does Lily say **this** was when she knew Rosaleen loved her?*
5. *Rosaleen "took up for" Lily. In other words she stood in support of Lily when T. Ray threatened to harm the chicken. We teach our kids to "stand up for themselves." In other words, don't let people "push you around". We also say, "stand up for your beliefs". This is the idea that if something is wrong in society, you need to protest and call attention to the problem in hopes it will get fixed. Our church is very interested in social justice. Many of your teachers have protested or stood up for our beliefs. What is something you believe strongly and would be willing to "stand up for"?*

Rosaleen's age was a mystery. She didn't possess a birth certificate. She would say she was born in 1909 or 1919 depending on how she felt at the moment. She was born in another small town in South Carolina. Her mother made baskets out of sweet grass and sold them on the roadside.

"That's like me selling peaches at the peach stand," I said.

"It's not a bit like you selling peaches. You ain't got seven children you got to feed from it."

"You've got six brothers and sisters?" I'd thought of her as alone in the world except for me.

"I did have. But I don't know where a one of them is now," said Rosaleen.

1-At this time in the south, Black people weren't welcome in white hospitals and generally had their babies at home. They would be delivered by a Black midwife. So there was no birth certificate for most rural Black people. Sometimes, people didn't know for sure when they were born and how old they were.

2-Rosaleen doesn't know what happened to her family. Blacks had to move to where there were jobs so they sometimes lost contact with their family.

I used to have daydreams where Rosaleen was white and married T. Ray and became my mother. Other times I was a Black orphan in a corn field and adopted by Rosaleen. Once in a while I had us living in a foreign country like New York, where she could adopt me and we could both stay our natural color.

1. *Why is Lily daydreaming about being Rosaleen's daughter?*
2. *Is New York really a foreign country or does it just seem that way for Lily?*