

FUMC ESL 11-29-2021 High Beginning and Low Intermediate Lesson

Introduce yourself and tell where you are from and where you live now. Finish this sentence, "I accidentally..."

For example: I **accidentally** ran into the bed post and broke my toe.

Pronouncing the letter X:

X can have multiple sounds. It can sound like KS in the word "box". It can sound like GZ in the word "exam". It can sound like a Z in the word "xylophone". It can sound like ZH in the word, "luxurious" or like EKS in the word "X-ray".

X has the KS sound at the end of words like: box, fox, fix, ox, ax, mix, six, tax. But also in vixen, epoxy, expel, extra, fixed,

In these words, be sure you pronounce the X with the KS sound and not the S sound. It is EKSPAIN not ESPLAIN

Practice: explain, extend,, examine. exceed, excel, Mexico, next, extra

In these words, the X sounds like GZ. Listen for the Z sound as you say: exam, example, excellent, exotic, executive, exactly, exit

Practice this poem:

The chickens were relaxing
Inside their comfy box.
They never were expecting
To see a hungry fox.

ADJECTIVES and ADVERBS

Adverbs describe how, when or where we do things.

EX: She sings loudly. She reads slowly. She talks quietly. She swims well. He plays badly. Notice adverbs frequently end in LY. happily, perfectly, quickly, easily

Adverbs tell something about verbs. Loudly tells how she sings. Slowly tells how she reads.

We use adjectives to describe nouns. EX: She is a slow reader. She is a loud singer. Many adjectives have an adverb form. EX: slow - slowly loud - loudly

Read these sentences. Tell whether the underlined word is an adjective or adverb.

Turtles are slow.

She is a bad writer.

I passed the test easily.

She has a quiet voice.

This street is safe.

The child plays piano perfectly.

He speaks English well.

I accidentally broke your mirror.

Turtles move slowly

She writes badly.

It was an easy test.

She speaks quietly.

I can cross the street safely.

Her piano skills are perfect.

He's a good English speaker.

Don't worry. It was an accident.

She runs fast.

She is a fast runner.

Note: not every adverb has an adjective form.

And some adjectives have an adverb that is paired with it, but it is a different word. EX: **good** is an adjective, **well** is an adverb.

Sometimes the same word can be an adjective or an adverb. EX: He walks fast. He is a fast walker. In the first sentence, FAST is an adverb telling how he walks. In the second sentence, FAST is an adjective describing the walker.

All of the adverbs above tell HOW something happened.

The underlined adverbs below tell when or where something happened. Read the examples and tell if they answer when or where something happened.

Yesterday, I broke my arm.

My parents arrived today.

Let's go outside.

The baby crawled upstairs.

Mother arrives soon.

Please move back.

Please come inside.

The race starts tomorrow.

Adverbs can also answer how much. Read the examples.

She runs very fast. That girl acts too mean. My professor is quite funny.

Adverbs that answer the question, HOW, can cause problems. It is hard to know whether to use the LY. NOTE: With linking verbs such as taste, smell, look, feel, you will use an adjective, not an adverb.

Example: The flowers smelled sweet. OR The flowers smelled sweetly.

The correct answer is the first sentence. Flowers don't have noses, so they can't smell.

Smell is a linking verb, so SWEET describes the flowers.

Choose the correct sentence.

The man looked angrily.

The man looked angry.

Ingrid feels badly.

Ingrid feels bad.

You smell good today.

You smell well.

NOTE: When we speak about health, we usually use WELL instead of GOOD. Though you will hear native speakers use both words.

Give an example of something you do:

- carefully _____
- quickly _____
- cheerfully _____
- hurriedly _____
- well _____
- frequently _____
- seldom _____

Vocabulary Practice: All the WAYS we use WAY.

To encourage:

Eve: **Way to go**, team! Good job.

Fay: **That's the way**, guys. Way to score!

For directions:

Ann: Can you tell me the **way** to the post office?

Beth: Let's see. I'm not sure which **way** to go. Let's ask Ben. He knows the **way**.

Carol: Can you drop this letter at the post office **on your way** to work?

Dee: The post office isn't on my way. Let Ben take it. The post office is close to his office.

May: This path doesn't look right. I'm afraid we've **lost the way**.

Ned: I'm not sure where we are. All I know is we're **a long way** from home. How are we going to **find the way back**?

May: I think we should **go back the way we came**.

Ned: **No way!** We came **all this way** to see the old cabin. If we go back the way we came, we won't see it. If we follow this trail **all the way** to the end, I'm sure we'll find the cabin.

May: I know **a better way**. I will call Ben. He will know what we should do. He knows these woods **like the back of his hand**.

Olivia: I ran **all the way** to the library.

Pat: That's **a long way**. I can't believe you ran **the whole way**.

Olivia: I ran **part way** on the road. There was a lot of traffic. People kept yelling at me, "**Get out of the way**."

Pat: I'm sure they were in a hurry and you were **in the way**.

For a method:

Gale: I found this coin. Is there any **way** to tell how old it is?

Hal: The **best way** is take it to a coin dealer.

Imelda: Has anyone told Beth about Mother's illness?

Jackie: No. I asked Gale not to tell her. Beth gets upset very easily! I wanted to tell her **in my own way**.

To mean partly:

Katy: Hi, Les. I haven't seen you in a while. **By the way**, how do you like your new job?

Les: **In a way**, I like it. I really enjoy working with the people. But the work I'm doing isn't that interesting. **In some ways**, my old job was better for me.

To mean a lot:

Mel: There is **way** more traffic than I thought there would be on a Sunday afternoon.

Natty: And people are driving **way** too fast.

If you have extra time.

A Funny Story from Thanksgiving

My husband is horrible at keeping secrets. If someone tells me a secret, I never tell my husband. He can never remember that he shouldn't tell. On Thanksgiving, my sister in law said, "I'm not supposed to tell anyone, but my son, who lives in Kansas, has Covid." We all agreed that was too bad and hoped he would get well soon. A few hours later, my sister-in-law's son called to wish everyone Happy Thanksgiving. My sister in law put him on speaker phone so we could all greet him. When it was my husband's turn he said, "Hey, Devin, I'm sorry to hear you have Covid." Everyone groaned. Now everyone knows my husband just can't keep a secret.

Are you good at keeping secrets?

Do you have people in your family who aren't good at keeping secrets?

Do you have any funny holiday stories?