

FUMC ESL 11-29-2021 High Intermediate and Advanced Lesson

Introduce yourself. Tell where you are from and where you live now. What is the best way to meet people when you move to a new town?

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 EKSPPLAIN 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

There are a few words where X has an unusual sound. In the word, "sexual", X is pronounced like KSH. Say the word, "sexual" and listen for the SH sound. The same is true for the word, "obnoxious". And "luxury" has a GZH sound. Say "luxury" and hear the sounds.

Note: If someone is obnoxious, they are very unpleasant to be around. EX: Tim is rude and obnoxious. He insults people and brags about himself. No one wants to be around him.

Practice this poem:

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

Vocabulary: All the ways we use "way"

Read the conversations and explain the meaning of the "way" phrases.

Eve: Way to go, team! Good job.

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

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.

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.

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.

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**.

Olivia: There was **way** more traffic than I thought there would be on a Sunday afternoon. And people were driving **way** too fast.

Rena: We're lost. Can you tell us how to find Guadalupe Park?

Sam: You haven't gone far enough. Guadalupe Park is **a ways** down this road. It's probably four or five more miles.

(Using "a ways" is more common in rural areas among country people.)

Conductor: I'm sorry for the delay. We'll get **under way** in just a minute.

Passenger: What was the problem that caused the delay?

Conductor: It was caused by a bunch of teenagers who thought it would be funny to stack a bunch of old furniture on the tracks to see what would happen when the train hit it. Of course, the engineer saw it and stopped in time. Every time there is a school holiday the local kids get up to some mischief.

Passenger: That's **always the way** isn't it. I remember doing foolish things like that when I was a kid.

The Secret Life of Bees, Part 13

Review: *In the last episode, Lily and Rosaleen escaped from the hospital where Rosaleen had her cut sewn up. They started walking using the more deserted back roads and ran into Henry, a friend of Rosaleen's who agreed to drive them to Tiberon 40 miles away.*

An hour later, Henry dropped us off at a small store in Tiberon. Tiberon was a place about the same size as Sylvan. I had a little money in my pocket and told Rosaleen to sit in the shade and I'd go buy us a Coca-Cola and something to eat. Inside the store I wandered up and down the aisles looking for peanut butter crackers when something caught my attention. I found myself staring at a picture of the Black Mary. I don't mean just a picture of any Black Mary. I mean the identical, exact one as my mother's. She stared back at me from the labels of a dozen jars of honey. Black Madonna Honey, the jars said.

1. *Why did Lily go in the store?*

2. *Why did Lily suggest Rosaleen wait outside?*
3. *What did Lily see while looking for the peanut butter crackers?*
4. *Have you ever eaten peanut butter crackers? Or peanut butter on anything? Do you like PBJ sandwiches?*
5. *What else is peanut butter good with?*

My heart was racing. I thought about how strange it was that I had bees inside my walls and inside my jars, and now here was bee honey with the Black Mary on the label that looked just like my mother's Black Mary. Were those bees trying to tell me something?

As I paid for our food, I asked the attendant about the honey. He said, "I know. Lots of people won't buy that honey with a picture of Mary with a Black face. But, you see, the woman who makes that honey is Black herself. She has bee hives all over the county. And the honey is really good. My wife and I love it on our biscuits."

1. *Why won't some people buy the honey?*
2. *How does the attendant feel about the honey?*

I tried to keep my voice calm as I said, "I'd like to meet her. Do you know where I can find her?" "Sure," he said. "Her name is August Boatwright. She lives just outside town in a house painted the brightest pink you've ever seen. Just walk down the road a ways and you'll see the house way back from the road. You can't miss that bright pink. You won't have any trouble finding it"

What is distinctive about August's house?

Notice the man says, "down the road a ways," to mean an undetermined distance.