

FUMC ESL11-8-2021 High Intermediate and Advanced Lesson

Introduce yourself. Tell where you are from and where you live now.

Secret Life of Bees Part 9

Later that night, I slipped out to the orchard and dug up my Mom's tin box. When I opened it, there were her white gloves, then the photograph of her and finally the funny wooden picture of Mary with the dark face. I lay down and laid out everything on my stomach. It was hot and humid, so I unbuttoned the top few buttons of my blouse. That's how I fell asleep.

I woke to the sound of T. Ray crashing through the trees. I sat up in a panic. I tried to put the things back in the tin box, but I couldn't find the box in the dark. I heard his footsteps, coming fast and the heavy pant of his breathing. Quickly, I jammed the things from Mother's box under the waist band of my shorts. I started to button up my blouse, but before I could finish, T. Ray was there. He was pointing his flashlight down at me, blinding me.

"Who were you out here with?" he shouted, aiming the flashlight at my unbuttoned blouse. He pointed the flashlight out into the woods and yelled, "Who's out there?"

"Please, T. Ray, no one was here with me."

"Get up from there," he yelled.

What was Lily doing in the orchard?

What had Lily done with her mother's things?

What was different about the Virgin Mary?

What did she do with her mother's things when she heard T. Ray coming?

What did T. Ray think Lily had been doing?

I followed him back to the house. He didn't speak till we reached the kitchen. He pulled the box of grits from the pantry. "I expect more of you than this, Lilly, meeting some boy out in the orchard to fool around. You're just a slut." T. Ray poured a mound of grits out onto the floor. "Now get over here and kneel down."

What is T. Ray's punishment for Lily?

What are grits?

T. Ray had made me kneel on grits as punishment since I was six, but I never got used to that powdered glass feeling beneath my skin. T. Ray sat in a chair and cleaned his nails with a pocketknife. I swayed from knee to knee, hoping for a second or two of relief, but the pain cut deep into my skin. I bit down on my lip and it was then that I felt the wooden picture of Black Mary underneath my waistband. I felt my mother's picture and her gloves and it seemed like my mother was there, up against my body, helping me absorb all T. Ray's meanness.

What comforted Lily while she was kneeling on the grits.

Pronunciation: Pronounce these word pairs. The first word is a noun and the second is an adjective.

caution - cautious	ambition - ambitious	nutrition - nutritious
superstition - superstitious	repetitive - reptitious	infection - infectious

Choose the correct word.

1. Mother is very (caution - cautious) when she walks, so she never falls.
2. The speaker kept repeating himself. Listening to him was boring and (repetition - repetitious).
3. The idea that black cats are unlucky is just a (superstition - superstitious).
4. The baby has an ear (infection - infectious).
5. Whole wheat bread is more (nutrition - nutritious) than white bread.
6. It has my life long (ambition - ambitious) to move to England.
7. Use (caution - cautious) when you drive on wet streets.
8. Repeat the words several times. (Repetition - Repetitious) helps you learn.
9. My aunt always told me if you break a mirror, you will have seven years of bad luck. She was very (superstition - superstitious).
10. Covid is an (infection - infectious) disease.
11. Exercise and good (nutrition - nutritious) will lead to good health.
12. My boyfriend works hard and is very (ambition - ambitious).

Practice Speaking:

1. Are you a superstitious person?
2. What are some common superstitions in your country? black cats, walking under ladders, spilled salt, broken mirrors?
3. Would you say you are more adventurous or cautious?
4. Do you have any good luck charms, like a lucky hat or a rabbit's foot?
5. In the U.S., the number 13 is unlucky. Are there any unlucky numbers in your country?
6. A four leaf clover is supposed to be very lucky. Are there any plants associated with luck in your country?
7. Do you feel lucky?
8. On St. Patrick's day, you are supposed to wear green. If you don't, it's unlucky and people are allowed to pinch you. Do you have holidays where you have to wear certain things?
9. Would you fly on Friday the 13th? Are there any days you believe are unlucky?

Read the conversation between Avi and Dana and discuss the meaning of it. Pay special attention to the vocabulary words and idioms in bold print.

Avi: An **18 wheeler** turned over in the middle of an **intersection** at the entrance to campus. He **took out** some of the power lines. The police closed the whole intersection. No one could get in or out of the college until it was all cleared. Many of us missed exams because of it.

Dana: Will you get to take a **make up**?

Avi: The head of the math department gave the **go-ahead** for a make up test for those students who missed the test. Our professor was not **in favor of** giving a make up test, but after **pressure from above**, he finally **acquiesced**.

Dana: I heard he was angry about having to do it. He said he would never **condone** allowing students a second chance because it was not fair to the students who made the extra effort to arrive on time.

Avi: That's a **bogus argument** because the only students who made it to the exam are those who were already on campus when the accident happened. Those of us who don't live on campus couldn't get in. Over half of us missed it.

1. What turned over?
2. Where did it turn over?
3. What happened to the power lines?
4. What did the police do?
5. What was the result for the students?
6. The head of the math department gave the go-ahead for what?
7. Did the professor want to allow make ups of the test?
8. Why does Avi say the professors argument was a bogus argument?