

## FUMC ESL 2-10-2022 High Beginning and Low Intermediate Lesson

Introduce yourself. Tell where you are from and where you live now. Name your favorite city in the world.

### **USING A, AN or THE:**

Remember THE refers to specific people, places and things. A/AN refers to general people, places and things. Read the examples.

A man and a woman were sitting near me in the airport lounge. The man looked Chinese, but the woman was an American. I think she was from the United States.

**Note:** We don't say THE America, but we do say, THE United States of America. When talking about countries, you use THE with the formal name of the country. For example, we say, "She is from China." BUT, "She is from **the** Peoples Republic of China."

When do we use THE and when do we leave it out? This can be confusing.

For example, We say, "There are many stars in the sky. BUT There are many objects in space. We do not say, "There are many objects in the space."

And if we are talking about space to mean a certain area, we **do** use **THE**. EX: I put your hat in the space between your sweaters. I tried to park my car, but the space was too small.

We say, "listen to the radio," but "watch TV."

We don't use THE with breakfast, lunch or dinner. NOT: I eat the breakfast at 9.

UNLESS we are talking about a specific meal. EX: The breakfast in the hotel was very good. The dinner you cooked was delicious.

We don't use THE before a **noun followed by a number**. EX: You are in room 229. NOT the room 229.

But we do use THE before a number. EX: Your room is the one next to the elevator. Your room is on the second floor.

### **Choose the correct word or phrase.**

1. Where can I eat (the breakfast / breakfast)?
2. Does this hotel have (a restaurant / the restaurant).
3. Did you have (a nice holiday / the nice holiday)? Yes, it was (a best holiday / the best holiday) ever!
4. I lay down on (a ground / the ground) and looked into (a sky / the sky).
5. We arrived at ( same time / the same time).
6. The captain made (an announcement / announcement). But I didn't hear it. Did you hear (an announcement / the announcement) the captain just made?

7. Since we live in (America / the America) we should try to learn (the English / English).
8. Carol attends (school / the school), but my son is not old enough for (a school / school).
9. (Church / The church) we go to is downtown. We attend (church / the church) every Sunday.
10. I didn't go to (work / the work) yesterday because of the ice.
11. It's nice to travel, but there is no place like (home / the home).
12. Lara attends ( the same school / same school) as Mickey.
13. The burglar was sent to (prison / the prison) for five years.
14. My father is still in (hospital / the hospital). NOTE: The correct answer is different if you speak British English. In British English, they say, "He is still in hospital." In American English you have to add "the".
15. We go to (bed / the bed) early every night.
16. Please make up (bed / the bed) before you leave.
17. I don't like dogs. I'm afraid of (dogs / the dogs).
18. I am afraid of (dogs / the dogs) that live next door.
19. Do you collect (stamps / the stamps)?
20. Do you like ( American food / the American food)?

**Phrasal Verbs:**

Phrasal verbs are verbs plus an adverb that have a special meaning. For example, "back up" is a phrasal verb that means to step backward. "Eat out" is a phrasal verb that means to eat in a restaurant.

**Match these phrasal verbs with their meaning.**

put off	Careful, there is danger near.
watch out	disappoint someone because you didn't do your part
let down	stop worrying about something
get over	take care of someone
look after	Delay, Do something later instead of now.

**Put one of the phrasal verbs above in these sentences.**

1. The weather was so bad we \_\_\_\_\_ going on a walk. We will go tomorrow
2. I hired a babysitter to \_\_\_\_\_ my kids while I work.
3. \_\_\_\_\_, that car is coming fast!
4. It took me a long time to \_\_\_\_\_ my father's death.
5. I am really tired, but I promised Mother I would visit today. I won't \_\_\_\_\_ my mother.

### **Holding the Bag, Chapter 3: The Japanese Tourists**

Later that morning, Negasi gets a call to pick up some tourists in front of the Madison Hotel downtown. Many tourists come to Washington, D.C. They want to visit the monuments, museums, and other tourist sites. Negasi often picks up tourists. He discovered he gets bigger tips if he talks about the tourist sites.

1. *Where will Negasi pick up the tourists?*
2. *When does Negasi get bigger tips?*

Negasi stops in front of the hotel. An elderly Japanese couple get into the taxi. The man hands Negasi a piece of paper with an address: 1600 Pennsylvania Avenue. "Oh," says Negasi. "You want to go to the White House." The woman smiles and nods her head. "Let me tell you about the White House," says Negasi. "The White House is the home and office of the United States President. It was built between 1792 and 1800..."

1. *Who got into the taxi?*
2. *Where did they want to go?*
3. *What does Negasi tell them about the White House?*

"Little English," says the man. "Speak slowly, please."

"Okay," says Negasi in a very slow voice. "The.....White....House...is ....white."

Negasi remembers when he first arrived. He spoke very little English. It was very difficult. He went to an adult English school for three years. He studied hard and learned a lot. But he still made mistakes. Once a passenger asked to go to the National Gallery of Art. But Negasi thought he said the National Zoo. The man was very angry when Negasi took him to the zoo.

1. *How did Negasi learn English?*
2. *What mistake did Negasi make?*

Negasi pulls up near the White House. He helps the Japanese couple get out. "Yes, it is white!" says the man. "Thank you!" He pays the fare and gives Negasi an eight dollar tip.

#### **Discuss:**

1. Have you visited Washington, D.C?
2. What other American cities have you visited?
3. Name a place you would really like to visit in the United States.
4. What is a popular tourist destination in your country?
5. What kinds of things do you enjoy doing when you visit a tourist site?
6. What's the best way to travel across your country: train, bus, airplane, car?
7. Do you like to have tourists visit your country?