

FUMC ESL 2-14-2022 High Beginning and Low Intermediate Lesson

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

Today is **Valentine's Day**. It is a special day for the people you love. Husbands and wives, girlfriends and boyfriends exchange cards, give candy or flowers, have romantic dinners. What will you do on Valentine's Day? Do you celebrate this holiday in your country?

Discussion Questions:

1. Where did you meet the love of your life? Was it "love at first sight". In other words, did you know you loved them from the very beginning?
2. Some people say, "love is blind". It means when we are in love we ignore our lover's faults. Do you think love is blind?
3. Have you ever written a love poem?
4. "Puppy love" is love between very young people. For example, when my son was 10, he said he was in love with a girl. My husband said, "That's just puppy love." Did you feel like you were in love when you were very young?
5. Who is more romantic, you or your partner? (A romantic person expresses their love through words or actions.).
6. What is the most romantic thing your partner has said or done for you?
7. Some people really love to prepare good food as a "labor of love". In other words, to show their love for you. Has anyone ever prepared you special food?
8. Many of us have a love-hate relationship with our cell phones. We love them because they are convenient. We hate them because sometimes they don't work well. Do you have any love-hate relationships?
9. A blind date is when you go on a date with someone you have not met before. Have you ever been on a blind date? Would you go on a blind date if you weren't married?
10. My mother told me never to say, "I love you," before the man does. She thought men should say this first. Do you agree with this advice?
11. Can you have a good marriage without being in love?
12. Would you marry someone you didn't know well in an arranged marriage?
13. Do you think people grow more in love the longer they are together?
14. Would you ever look for a mate on the internet? Why or why not?
15. Is it OK for men to marry women that are much younger?
16. Is it OK for women to marry men that are much younger?
17. In Texas, you can't get married before age 18 unless you have your parent's consent. You can't get married at all before you are 16. What are the marriage laws in your country?
18. What are the dating conditions in your country? Do you have to have a chaperone on your dates? What age is too young to date?
19. Do you think long engagements are better than short engagements?

20. Would you marry someone who was not from the same culture?
21. Do you have any other questions about Valentine's Day?

Read this list of Valentine's Day gifts. Pick out 3 favorites.

1. heart shaped box of candy
2. your favorite perfume or after shave
3. a dozen red roses
4. a sexy underwear
5. a special cake baked by your lover
6. dinner at a nice restaurant
7. cute, pink teddy bear
8. gold necklace
9. special poem written by your loved one
10. Valentine's Day card
11. bottle of good wine or champagne
12. money

Do you have a gift you would like that is not on the list?

Last lesson we learned when to use THE before a noun. Read the sentences below and decide which is the correct choice.

1. (The sugar / Sugar) is bad for you.
2. I couldn't live without (the music / music).
3. (The children / children) learn from watching you.
4. Did you like (the coffee / coffee) I made for you?
5. I hate (the cold weather / cold weather).
6. Who are (the people / people) in this photo?
7. Most people think (the marriage / marriage) is important.
8. I want to go to Egypt and visit (the pyramids / pyramids).
9. (The women / Women) live longer than (the men / men).
10. I like (the skiing / skiing).
11. Can you pass (the salt / salt), please?
12. (The apples / Apples) on that tree are green.
13. Can you play (the piano / piano)?
14. My neighbors are (the Canadians / Canadians).
15. (The ambulance / Ambulance) arrived quickly.
16. (The doctor / Doctor) is on the way.
17. (The giraffes / Giraffes) have long necks.

18. (The life / Life) can be hard.
19. What makes (the people / people) so mean?
20. A pacifist is someone who hates (the war / war).
21. (The Jones family / Jones family) is coming for dinner.
22. I like (the vegetables / vegetables), but I don't like (the fruit / fruit).

When to Use “The” in English

1. With the names of countries and continents
2. With the words breakfast, lunch, dinner
3. With the names of jobs and professions
4. With compass directions
5. With names of oceans, seas, rivers, and canals
6. With the names of unique objects
7. With uncountable nouns
8. With surnames