

FUMC ESL 2-7-2022 High Beginning and Low Intermediate Lesson

**Introduce yourself.** Tell where you are from and where you live now. We had snow and ice last week. Austin can have cold weather in the winter and very hot weather during the summer. Which do you prefer?

**Count and Non-count Nouns:** Use the words in the word box to complete the sentences below. Don't put a pronoun or THE before the noun. If it is a count noun, add A or AN before the noun. If it is a non-count noun, just put the noun without A or AN.

accident	electricity	key	minute	music
blood	interview	coat	sugar	camera
line	bathroom	week	patience	meat

1. It wasn't your fault. It was just \_\_\_\_\_.
2. Is there \_\_\_\_\_ to get into the movie?
3. It's cold outside. You should be wearing \_\_\_\_\_.
4. A vegetarian is a person who doesn't eat \_\_\_\_\_.
5. Listen! You can hear \_\_\_\_\_ playing.
6. I was locked out of the house because I forgot to bring \_\_\_\_\_.
7. Would you like \_\_\_\_\_ in your coffee?
8. Your daughter is such a cute baby. If I had \_\_\_\_\_ I would take her picture.
9. There are seven days in \_\_\_\_\_.
10. Can you imagine how hard life was before everyone had \_\_\_\_\_ to light up the house.
11. I had \_\_\_\_\_ for a new job yesterday. I hope I get a job offer.
12. Your heart pumps \_\_\_\_\_ throughout your body.
13. I'm not ready yet. Can you wait \_\_\_\_\_.
14. Bill wants everything right away. He doesn't like to wait. He doesn't have \_\_\_\_\_.
15. This building has \_\_\_\_\_ on every floor.

**Some nouns can be count or non-count depending on how they are used.**

EX: I heard a noise downstairs. I think there is a burglar in our house. I don't like loud noise.

In the first sentence, noise means a specific sound. In the second sentence, noise means any type of sounds.

**Read these other examples:**

There is a hair in my soup. The dog has white hair and brown eyes.

I read a paper every day to learn what is happening. There is paper all over the floor. Please help me pick it up.

We don't have a room for you because the hotel is full. There isn't room for any more people. I had an experience on my trip that I won't forget. Experience is a good teacher.

### Choose the correct answer.

1. I think I heard (a noise/ noise) downstairs? It sounds like someone opened our door.
2. My mother is (a nurse / nurse). She works at (a hospital / hospital).
3. I bought (a bread / bread) so we could make (a sandwich / sandwich).
4. There is (a paper / paper) in the drawer if you want to write a letter.
5. I can't print these because the printer is out of (a paper / paper)
6. We had ( a nice weather / nice weather) last week.
7. It is hard to find (a work / work) now.
8. We bought ( a new furniture / new furniture) for our living room.
9. When I was (a child / child) I played outside every day.
10. Would you like to be (an actor / actor)?
11. Jon cooks in (a restaurant / restaurant). He is (a chef / chef).
12. His parents were (a chefs / chefs) too.
13. How often do you see (a doctor / doctor)?
14. I have (a problem / problem). Can you help me?
15. I had (a good time / good time) at the party.

### Holding the Bag

*REVIEW: Last Thursday we read about Negasi. Negasi is an Ethiopian man living in the United States. He drives a taxi. He supports his family with fares and tips. He has two children. His wife is expecting a third child. Negasi also tries to help his family in Ethiopia. He needs more money. Negasi's wife tries to look on the bright side. That means she stays positive. She believes everything will work out.*

### Chapter 2: A Ride to the Hospital

It's just before 7:00 A.M., and Negasi is driving around downtown. He is looking for someone who needs a taxi ride. Finally, he sees a man with his arm raised. Negasi pulls over and stops. The man opens the back door and gets in the taxi. "I need to go to the hospital on 23rd St." says the man.

1. *Why is Negasi driving around downtown?*
2. *Where does the man want to go?*

"O.K.", says Negasi. Negasi is excited. The hospital is across town. This will be a twenty dollar fare. Then he will get a nice tip. After a few minutes, Negasi looks in his rearview mirror. The man is leaning forward in the backseat. "Ohhh", says the man. "My stomach hurts!" Negasi is very worried. "I'm going as fast as I can," says Negasi.

1. *Why is Negasi excited to take the man to the hospital?*

2. *What does Negasi see in his rearview mirror?*
3. *What is hurting the man?*

At the hospital, the man gets out his wallet. "Oh, no!" says the man. "I can only pay you \$14.00." Negasi feels bad for the man. The man says his stomach hurts. Maybe he has a serious medical problem. "Don't worry about it." says Negasi, "I will only charge you \$14.00."

1. *Why does Negasi feel sorry for the man?*
2. *What does Negasi charge the man for the ride?*

Suddenly the man sits up. "Do you have change for a twenty dollar bill?" asks the man. Negasi says, "If you have a twenty dollar bill, why are you asking me for a discount fare?" The man says, "I work at this hospital. My shift starts soon. But I did not eat breakfast. That is why my stomach hurts. I need \$6.00 to buy breakfast."

1. *The man wanted change for \_\_\_\_\_.*
2. *Why does the man's stomach hurt?*
3. *What does the man want to buy?*

Negasi doesn't want to argue with the man. So Negasi takes the \$20 and gives the man \$3 back. "Next time, take the bus to work," says Negasi. "My kids need to eat breakfast, too!" Then Negasi angrily drives away.

1. *How much money does Negasi give the man as change?*
2. *How does Negasi feel about the man who tricked him?*
3. *What would you have done if you were Negasi?*

**Pronunciation: C, S and Z**

Last week we talked about the letter S. Sometimes the letter S sounds like ssss. Sometimes it sounds like zzzz. The letter Z also sounds like zzzz. And sometimes the letter C sounds like sssss. So there are many ways to spell the S and Z sounds.

**Practice these word pairs. Tell which word has the S sound and which has the Z sound.**

Sue - zoo	sip - zip	loose - lose	rice - rise
cent - sent	place - plays	race - raise	face - phase
bus - buzz	loose - lose	advice - advise	

In some words, the word with the S sound is a noun or adjective and the word with the Z sound is a verb.

Examples:

My teacher gave me good advice.

My teacher advises me.

Please excuse me for missing class.

I had a good excuse.

There is grease in the skillet.

I grease the bottom of the pan with butter.

This belt is too loose.

I will lose a lot of weight if I don't eat candy.

I like to eat rice with vegetables.

I rise early every morning.