

## FUMC ESL 3-7-2022 High Beginning and Low Intermediate Lesson

Introduce yourself. Tell where you are from and where you live now. What are you thankful for?

### Vocabulary: Word endings FUL and LESS

If someone is beautiful, they are full of beauty. If someone is penniless, they have no pennies (in other words, no money). Notice that we only use one L when full is a word ending.

Use the words from this table to fill in the blanks in the sentences.

watchful	restless	truthful	useful	peaceful	painful
hopeful	helpless	homeless	careless	cheerful	fearful

1. Someone who doesn't take care of things is \_\_\_\_\_.
2. Someone who can't be still is \_\_\_\_\_.
3. Something that hurts is \_\_\_\_\_.
4. A place that gives you peace is \_\_\_\_\_.
5. Someone who watches closely is \_\_\_\_\_.
6. Someone who can't do things for himself is \_\_\_\_\_.
7. Someone who thinks the situation will get better is \_\_\_\_\_.
8. Someone who is scared is \_\_\_\_\_.
9. Someone who never lies is \_\_\_\_\_.
10. Something that has many uses is \_\_\_\_\_.
11. Someone that doesn't have a place to live is \_\_\_\_\_.
12. Someone who is always smiling and happy is \_\_\_\_\_.

### Discuss:

- a. Where do you go when you want a peaceful place?
- b. Are you surprised at how many homeless people there are in America?
- c. When are you most watchful?
- d. Someone who thinks things will always get better is an optimist. Someone who thinks things will get worse is a pessimist. Which are you?
- e. What's the most useful appliance in your house?
- f. Are you restless? In other words, do you have a hard time sitting still?

### Reading Comprehension: Holding the Bag, Chapter 7-A Horrible Thought

**Review from Chapter 6:** It was the end of the day and Negasi was tired, but he needed more money. He decided to pick up one more fare. A man got into his taxi that was very nervous and would not tell Negasi where to go. Negasi asked the man to get out. He was worried the man might steal his money. But the man showed Negasi a gun and said, "Keep driving".

**Chapter 7:** Negasi feels frightened. He has a horrible thought. This man is going to take his money and shoot him. Then Negasi will die and leave his wife and children all alone.

Suddenly, Negasi hears sirens. He knows the man in the back seat hears them too. It is a very cold evening, but the man is sweating. The man unzips his jacket. Negasi looks in his rearview mirror. He sees the gun and three or four black bags. Negasi wonders if there is money inside. Perhaps this man committed a robbery.

Negasi's cell phone is ringing. Negasi is sure it's his wife, Ana. She is probably very worried. Negasi always calls Ana when he's late. But the man tells Negasi not to answer the phone. It's getting dark now. Negasi drives around for another forty-five minutes. "I'm almost out of gas," says Negasi. The man looks at the gas gauge in Negasi's taxi. It's true. This taxi can't go much farther. The man looks out the window and sees a Metro station. (The subway in Washington, D.C., is called the Metro.)

"Stop here," says the man. Many people are going down the escalator into the Metro station. And without another word, the man zips up his jacket, gets out of the taxi, and disappears into the crowd.

Negasi puts his head on the steering wheel. He sighs with relief. "No fare. No tip. Not even a plastic bag of shredded money," thinks Negasi. "But I'm alive!"

### **Questions:**

1. What is the horrible thought Negasi has?
2. What does Negasi hear? How does the man react to that sound?
3. The man has a gun and \_\_\_\_\_.
4. What does Negasi think might be inside the bags?
5. Why is Ana calling Negasi?
6. What does Negasi tell the man?
7. What does the man see out the window?
8. Where does the man go?
9. How does Negasi feel after the man is gone?
10. Talk about a time you felt frightened.
11. Do you usually call someone when you are late?

### **Grammar: Using Apostrophes to Show Possession**

We use 's to show something belongs to people or animals. EX: How old are Tara's children? Susan's computer isn't working. The cat's tail is black. What is Tom's sister's name? (Note: Both Tom and sister have an apostrophe s.)

We can use 's without a following noun. EX: This isn't my book. It's my sister's. Whose dog is this? It's my mother's.

Instead of 's, we can use "of". What is the man's name? OR. What is the name of the man? But sometimes this sounds awkward. EX: The woman's hat is in the box. The hat of the woman is in the box.

We use 's for single nouns. If the noun is plural, we put the apostrophe after the s. EX: The three sisters' room was upstairs. However, if the plural doesn't end in S (men, women, children, people) we use 's. EX: Where is the men's restroom?

If we are talking about something that belongs to more than one person, we only add 's after the last person. EX: We are going to Bill and Linda's house for dinner. NOT Bill's and Linda's house.

For things or ideas, we normally use "of". Ex: The door of the garage was painted blue. NOT: The garage's door was painted blue. The name of the book is on the cover. NOT: The book's name is on the cover. It is technically correct either way, but it sounds awkward.

We can use two nouns together. EX: The garage door is open. The restaurant owner requires mask to enter.

We use "of" with beginning, end, middle, top, bottom. EX: The beginning of the month, not the month's beginning. The back of the car, not the car's back. The top of the hill, not the hill's top.

We use 's with time expressions. EX: Do you have yesterday's newspaper? Next week's meeting has been cancelled. Tomorrow's news will come on at 6 AM. I have a week's vacation coming.

We say, "The meeting tomorrow has been cancelled." NOT "The meeting **of** tomorrow..." OR you could say, "Tomorrow's meeting..."

The storm last week caused a lot of flooding. NOT The storm **of** last week... OR Last week's storm...

**Read these conversations and tell what the idioms in bold print mean.**

**Sandra:** It's really late. I need to go home and get my **beauty sleep**. I have to be at work at 7 AM.

**Julie:** That's **the beauty of** working for myself. I can sleep as late as I want tomorrow morning.

**Dana:** The restaurant where I work might close. Covid is keeping our customers away. I'm worried I'll lose my job.

**Brenda:** Don't **lose any sleep over it**. You are such a good worker, I'm sure you'll find another job soon.

**Jan:** When I travel abroad, I take my expensive jewelry off. I'm afraid it will be stolen.

**Sam:** That's a good idea. You **can't be too careful** when you travel abroad.

**Tim:** I lost my job at the auto repair garage. The business wasn't making any money. But I'm not too sad. I hated that job. I don't like repairing cars.

**Sara:** My dad always says, "**When life gives you lemons, make lemonade.**" Maybe this is a good time to find another type of work. You will probably find a job you like much better.

**Questions:**

1. Why does Sandra need to go home?
2. What is the beauty of working for yourself?
3. What is Dana worried about?
4. Why does Brenda say, "Don't lose any sleep over it?"
5. What does Jan do when she travels outside the U.S.?
6. Does Sam agree with Jan's idea?
7. Why isn't Tim sad that he lost his job?
8. Have you ever heard the proverb Sara's dad uses? Can you explain what lemons are and what lemonade is in this saying?
9. Has life ever given you lemons? Did you make lemonade?