

## FUMC ESL 4-11-2022 High Intermediate and Advanced Lesson

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

**Pronunciation Practice:** Pronounce the word pairs and read the sentences.

chick – cheek    Look at the little chick.    Give me a kiss on the cheek.

eat – it    Don't eat it.

heel – hill    My **heel** hurts when I walk up the **hill**.

leap – lip    Don't hit your **lip** when you **leap** off!

leave – live    I **leave** the office early to get to where I **live**.

reach – rich    I can **reach** the top.    I am **rich**.

sleep – slip    She went to **sleep** in her **slip**.

team – Tim    **Tim** is on my **team**.

### Body Part Idioms

There are many idioms in English that use body part words. For example, **knuckle** is a body part. To **knuckle down** means to get serious and work hard. Here are more examples.

1. John's new car was expensive. It cost an arm and a leg. Tell something you bought that cost an arm and a leg.

2. Billy asked Ann if she was pregnant. Ann wasn't pregnant. She had just gained some weight. He really put his foot in his mouth. If you put your foot in your mouth, you say something embarrassing. Have you ever put your foot in your mouth?

3. Sara broke three dishes at my apartment. She's all thumbs. Someone who is all thumbs is kind of clumsy and might trip, stumble or drop things. Do you know anyone who is all thumbs?

4. My parents belong to different political parties. They don't see eye to eye about politics. Do you and your spouse see eye to eye in political matters? Do you and your parents support the same political leaders?

5. My brother is very picky about food. I can never please him. It is really hard to prepare a meal that he will eat. It is a real pain in the neck to have him to dinner. (Someone who is a pain in the neck is annoying and a bother.) Do you have friends or relatives that are a pain in the neck? Do you have friends that only eat a small number of food items? Right now, many Americans are eating gluten-free. Have you heard of this? Are people eating gluten-free in your country?

6. Stan should never run for mayor. He has too many skeletons in the closet. Someone is sure to find out all his secrets. (Skeletons in the closet are secrets about you that you don't want anyone to know.) Do you have a similar phrase in your country? Do politicians in your country worry about skeletons in the closet?

7. The teacher found out that John stole her cell phone. But she just gave him a slap on the wrist. I can't believe she isn't going to punish him severely. (A slap on the wrist is a very mild punishment.) Have you ever known someone that you felt should have been punished more than they were?

### **Correcting Preposition Errors**

These sentences were written by ESL students. They have used the incorrect preposition. Correct them.

1. Do you believe **about** ghosts?
2. Anthony is engaged **for** my cousin.
3. He is jealous **with** his brother.
4. I found out my boyfriend was dating **with** my best friend.
5. The firefighters rescued many people **with** the burning building.
6. It is important to be polite **for** other people.
7. I'm really fond **about** my grandchildren.
8. Tim wore sunglasses to protect his eyes **with** the sun.
9. Trucks are prohibited **in** using this street because it is too narrow.
10. Christopher excels **for** sports.
11. When we arrived **to** the stadium, the game had already started.
12. My birthday is **on** July.
13. It depends **of** where you want to live.
14. Clare often goes out **in** night.
15. Jeff is married **with** Katy.
16. I asked **to** Shelly to help me with my homework.
17. Are you **in** home now?
18. I got a good deal **for** my new car.
19. Come upstairs. We're **in** the 3rd floor.
20. I only have a snack **in** lunch time.

**Read these articles, one paragraph at a time. Discuss the words and phrases in bold for each paragraph. Tell in your own words what the paragraph says.**

## Gator Problems

Generally putting animals on the **endangered list** is a good thing. It prevents killing the few remaining animals left and gives the animals a chance to **come back from the brink of extinction**. However, as the animal population **bounces back**, it can have **unexpected consequences**.

Alligator attacks in Florida are increasing. The population of both alligators and humans in Florida has been **increasing dramatically**, and thus **contacts** between the two are more **common**. These contacts frequently **end badly** for the humans. A two year old playing in the sand on the beach at a Disney property was attacked by an alligator. His head was crushed in the powerful alligator's jaws and the boy was drug into the water and drowned as his family watched. The toddler's father tried desperately to **wrest** his son from the alligator's jaws, but was unsuccessful as the gator dove under the water with the boy.

More recently a homeless woman **cooling down** in a lake was grabbed by an alligator. A friend grabbed the woman and was able to **pull her to safety**. Another woman walking her dog by a lake died when she tried to rescue her small pet from an alligator's jaws. This was not the first attack on a pet. Apparently walking your dog near a lake is a very promising way to get attacked by a gator.

1-What should be done about this problem?

2-Does your country have animals on an endangered list that are now illegal to kill?

3-If I visit your country, am I likely to get eaten by any animals?

## Invasive Species

Everglades National Park in Florida has been **invaded** by non-native Burmese Pythons. These are huge snakes that can grow to over 20 feet in length. Several thousand of these snakes are imported every year by people who want to keep them as pets. The problem is that they grow fast; as much as 4 feet per year. Many people are not prepared to have a 20 foot long snake sharing their apartment. When they can no longer keep them, they set them loose in the Everglades.

There are no **natural enemies** to kill the pythons. And they lay from 12 to 36 eggs each breeding season. So the Everglades are now **overrun** with large pythons. Rangers describe these snakes as killing and eating machines. They are **wiping out** many of the native species, including birds, rodents, rabbits, raccoons and even

bobcats. Recently a scientist found a 13 foot python that had died after swallowing a six foot long alligator.

Although the snakes are large and terrifying to **come across** in the wild, they usually don't attack humans unless **provoked**. Rangers warn people to stay away from the snakes and don't do anything to bother them. These snakes do have the equipment to **devour** a human if they are angry enough or hungry enough.

1-Are you afraid of snakes?

2-Have you ever come close to a snake?

3-Do you think it should be illegal to import non-native species?

Group 1: expressions that always contain of	Group 2: expressions that sometimes contain of and sometimes not
a lot of, a number of, a majority of, lots of, a great deal of, plenty of	all, most, many, almost all, much, a few, a little, one, two, etc., both, several, some, any

Of is used with expressions in group 2 when the noun is specific. A noun is specific when preceded by my, John's (or any possessive), this, that, these, those, or the  
 EX: All of those books are dictionaries. Many of these chairs are broken. Two of the boys are hurt.

Of is NOT used with expressions in group 2 if the noun is non-specific. Many boys play soccer. (NOT Many of boys play soccer.) Some chairs are broken. All books are expensive.

**Add "of" to the sentences that need it. If "of" is not needed, leave it blank.**

1. I know several \_\_\_\_\_ Jack's friends
2. I know several \_\_\_\_\_ friends of Jack.
3. I've made many \_\_\_\_\_ friends lately.
4. Some \_\_\_\_\_ students are lazy.
5. Some \_\_\_\_\_ students in Mrs. Gray's class are lazy.
6. Most \_\_\_\_\_ Janet's books are in Spanish.
7. I've read a few \_\_\_\_\_ those books.
8. I bought a few \_\_\_\_\_ English books yesterday.
9. I don't know many \_\_\_\_\_ people yet.
10. She doesn't know many \_\_\_\_\_ the students here.
11. I get lots \_\_\_\_\_ mail.
12. A lot \_\_\_\_\_ the mail I get is junk mail.
13. China has the most \_\_\_\_\_ people of any country in the world.
14. Almost all \_\_\_\_\_ my friends are going to the game.
15. Most \_\_\_\_\_ words in English form plurals by adding an "s".
16. Some \_\_\_\_\_ the children in her class were very young.
17. Some \_\_\_\_\_ children are very young when they start school.
18. My cousin won thousands \_\_\_\_\_ dollars in the lottery.

**Active:**

**Someone is following us.**

Active	Passive
Someone is following us.	We are being followed.
The referee canceled the match.	The match was canceled by the referee.
The flood swept away the buildings.	The buildings were swept away by the flood.

<b>Active</b>	<b>Passive</b>
The police took the burglar to the station.	The burglar was taken to the police station
Mother taught me to swim.	I was taught to swim by my mother.