

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

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

Vocabulary

allow-something it is OK to do. Example: My parents allow me to drive their car. I am allowed to stay out late. Are you allowed to go to the store alone? No, my parents don't allow me to go out alone.

When you were young, did your parents...

- allow you to stay up until midnight?
- allow you to go to the store alone?
- allow you to have boys over to your house?
- allow you to wear your hair like you wanted?
- allow you to wear makeup?
- allow you to drive the car?
- allow you to spend the night at a friend's house?

allowance-an allowance is money given to you regularly (usually by your parents)

Example: I give my son a \$10.00 allowance every week.

- When you were young, did your parents give you an allowance?
- How much did they give you?
- What did you spend your allowance on?
- Will you give your children an allowance?

Conversations with “allow” and “allowance”

Jo: I don't know the rules here. Are you allowed to park on the street?

Jess: No, you will get a ticket if you park on the street.

Jo: Are you allowed to cook on the balcony of the apartment?

Jess: No, there are no fires allowed.

Jo: Are you allowed to have parties outside?

Jess: No, you must not make too much noise. Many students live here. They need quiet.

Jo: Am I allowed to hang my wash on the balcony?

Jess: No, you are not allowed to hang your wash on the balcony. You cannot hang anything on the balcony. The balcony must be kept clean.

Jo: I am not allowed to do anything here!

Jess: You are allowed to pay your rent and obey the rules.

Questions:

1. Which person is more fun-loving?
2. Which person is more serious?
3. What things is Jess not allowed to do?

4. What are two things Jess is allowed to do?

Deb: I'm so mad at my dad. He refuses to give me an allowance. My mom thinks I should have an allowance, but my dad says, "You don't need an allowance. I'll give you money any time you need it." The problem is, he isn't with me when I need money. Like yesterday, Tim and Susie were going to lunch. They asked me to go. I wanted to go, but didn't have any money. So I had to stay at school.

Jan: I'm sorry your dad is like that. My parents give me \$50.00 per month. I'm happy to loan you money any time you want. Then you can pay me back when your dad gives you money.

1. Why is Deb mad at her dad?
2. What does Deb's mom think?
3. Why won't Deb's dad give her an allowance?
4. Why is Dad's method a problem for Deb?
5. Why couldn't Deb go to lunch with Tim and Susie?
6. How much allowance does Jan get?
7. How can Jan help Deb solve the problem?
8. Do you think Deb's dad has a good idea about no allowance?
9. Do you think Deb's mom should give her an allowance and not tell Deb's dad?

Idioms: Match the idiom to the sentence.

missing the point	putting words in my mouth	turn ___ down	come up with
take after	telling ___ off	go over	done away with

1-First person: You said you never wanted to marry someone that wasn't rich.
Second person: I didn't say that. You are _____. What I said was, "It's as easy to fall in love with a rich man as a poor man."

2-You are such a good musician. You play the piano beautifully. You _____ your father. He is an amazing pianist.

3-But Dad, you are _____. I will learn more about how to manage money if I have some money to manage.

4-That woman just told my daughter she would never be good at sports. That really hurt my daughter's feelings. That woman has a lot of nerve. I am going to walk up to her and _____.

5. I got offered a new job today, but I had to _____. The job was in another city and I didn't want to ask my family to move again. They are just getting settled in here.

6. Ben, I think we should _____ these problems one more time. I want you to practice working them quickly so you will make a good grade on the test tomorrow.

7. The city has _____ the requirement to wear masks when you are inside.

8. I have no idea how we will _____ the money to pay the rent this month. We have had so many medical bills. Our checking account is empty.

Humorous Stories: Read and tell what happened in your own words. After you have read all the stories, tell which one you liked the best.

A.

I was standing on the subway when the woman seated in front of me got up. As she exited, I saw a glove where she had been sitting. Grabbing it, I ran to the door, shouted, "Mam, your glove!" and tossed it to her on the platform just as the doors slammed shut. Pleased with my good deed, I sat back down. That's when the lady behind me tapped me on the shoulder and said, "That was my glove."

B.

When I was a proofreader, I shared with my coworkers this example to illustrate how writing can differ based on gender: A professor wrote on the blackboard, "Woman without her man is nothing." The students were then instructed to insert the proper punctuation. The men wrote, "Woman, without her man, is nothing." The women wrote, "Woman! Without her, man is nothing."

C.

A man received a text from his neighbor. it said:

"I feel guilty and want to confess. I've been using your wife at night when you're not home, in fact much more than you do. But I feel bad about it and thought I'd apologize."

The man was outraged! Then a few moments later he gets this text from the same guy.

"Sorry, I meant to type WIFI not WIFE."

D.

Two hunters are out in the woods when one of them collapses. He's not breathing and his eyes are glazed. The other guy whips out his cell phone and calls 911.

"I think my friend is dead!" he yells. "What can I do?"

The operator says, "Calm down. First, let's make sure he's dead."

There's a silence, then a shot. Back on the phone, the guy says, "OK, now what?"

E.

A highway patrolman pulled alongside a speeding car on the highway. Looking at the car, he was astounded to see that the elderly woman behind the wheel was knitting.

The trooper cranked down his window and yelled to the driver, "Pull over!"

"No!" the woman yelled back, "Cardigan!"

F.

A guy spots a sign outside a house that reads "Talking Dog for Sale." Intrigued, he walks in. "So what have you done with your life?" he asks the dog.

"I've led a very full life," says the dog. "I lived in the Alps rescuing avalanche victims. Then I served my country in Iraq. And now I spend my days reading to the residents of a retirement home."

The guy is flabbergasted. He asks the dog's owner, "Why on Earth would you want to get rid of an incredible dog like that?"

The owner says, "Because he's a liar! He never did any of that!"

G.

I tried having my mother's phone disconnected, but customer service told me that since the account was in my dad's name, he'd have to be the one to put in the request. The fact that he'd been dead for 40 years didn't sway the rep. Then a solution hit me: "If I stop paying the bill, you can turn off the service, right?"

"Well, yes," she said reluctantly. "But that would ruin his credit."