

FUMC ESL 4-7-2022 High Intermediate and Advanced Lesson

Introduce yourself. Tell where you are from and where you live now. Would you ever consider skydiving or bungee jumping? What's the most adventurous thing you have ever done?

**Read this idiom filled story.** Match the definitions to the idioms.

1. I went skydiving on my 30th birthday. I was a little skittish about the whole idea of jumping out of a plane, but my friend agreed to join me and I didn't want to skip out on him.
2. I dressed up in a skintight jump suit. My blood pressure was sky high as I prepared to jump.
3. When I pulled the ripcord, my chute didn't open. I was sure I'd fall to my death, but just as I was saying goodbye to the world, it opened. I had a hard landing but I made it by the skin of my teeth.
4. The instructor said he had bought my parachute from a new supplier that was selling them cheaply. The supplier had skimped on the material and it caused the chutes to open slowly.
5. Apparently the new supplier was kind of a sketchy guy. I wanted to skin that guy alive. Imagine, skimping on something as important as a parachute.
6. I was lucky to survive the experience. Any time I think back on it, it makes my skin crawl.
7. My wife told me I was an idiot to try skydiving. But I told her to cut me some slack. I'm still young and I want to try new adventures.

to leave quickly so as avoid doing something	very high	nervous or frightened	barely
feel disgusted or afraid	not honest or reliable	be more tolerant	punish severely
use cheap materials in order to save money	something that fits very tightly	jump out of a plane with a parachute	recall a past event

**Choose the correct verb tense.**

1. Everything is going well. We (didn't have/ haven't had) any problems so far.
2. Liz (didn't go / hasn't gone) to work yesterday. She wasn't feeling well.
3. Look, the man over there (wears / is wearing) the same sweater as you.
4. Your son is much taller than the last time I saw him. He (grows / has grown) a lot.
5. I still don't know if I should accept the job. I (haven't decided / didn't decide) yet.
6. I wonder why Jim (is / is being) so nice to me today. He usually doesn't even say hello.
7. Jan had a book in her lap but she (didn't read/ wasn't reading) it.
8. It (begins / is beginning) to get dark. Should I turn on the lamp?
9. This is a nice restaurant. Is this the first time (you are / you have been) here?
10. After leaving school, Tim (got / has got) a job in an office.
11. When Sue got the news, she ( wasn't / hasn't been) pleased.

12. I need a new job. (I'm / I have been) doing the same job for too long.

**Choose the FOR or TO in these sentences.**

1. Let's go. No, wait (for / to) the others get here.
2. She advised me (for / to) talk to a doctor about my heart.
3. We stopped ( for / to) a break.
4. We stopped ( for / to) have a break.
5. The policeman stopped me (for / to) driving to fast.
6. She was promoted ( for / to) manager.
7. She was promoted (for / to) her dedication to the company.
8. She was tried (for / to) murder.
9. We're going (for / to) the zoo this weekend.
10. Look (for / to) your left before you step off the curb.
11. She is always so mean (for / to) us.
12. High school is easy compared (for / to) college.
13. I always root (for / to) the underdog at baseball games.
14. I speak (for / to) everyone when I say we really appreciate you.
15. I'll trade my potato chips (for / to) your cookie.

**The people in these conversations have problems. Read the conversation. Tell what the problem is. Have you ever had this kind of problem? What advice would you offer them?**

**Dana:** Prices are **skyrocketing** now. Our house has **doubled in value** since we bought it.

**Shelly:** I know what you mean. I don't think we could afford to buy our house now.

**Dana:** That's true of us. We're so glad we bought when we did. People who are buying their first house now are being **priced out**. They can't afford even the smallest house.

**Shelly:** I feel really bad for my little sister and her husband. They are newly married and in their first careers. I'm sure they'll make plenty of money when they are older, but they don't make a lot right now. They can't afford to pay hundreds of thousands of dollars for a home. We were lucky when we were young. Houses didn't cost so much then. We bought a small house, then moved up as we made more money. But my sister and her husband are stuck renting.

**Sara:** One of my co-workers is a real **slacker**. He spends most of his time texting friends on his phone or checking the scores from the basketball games. He tries to get other people to do work that was assigned to him.

**Tanya:** What does your boss think of him?

**Sara:** Our boss doesn't know. He sits in his office all day and doesn't see what is going on.

**Tanya:** Will you tell him about the slacker?

**Sara:** I'd like to, but I'm not sure if that's the right thing to do. If I tell on the slacker, my boss might think I'm a complainer.

**Tanya:** What if several of you go into the boss at the same time. Then your boss would see it's not just you.

**Sara:** My co-workers don't want to rock the boat. They won't do anything.

**Tanya:** Well, I know slackers are annoying, but it sounds like you will just have to put up with him.

**Lad:** I have a problem. I was telling my neighbor about my porch stairs rotting. I said that I really needed to find someone to replace them. And my neighbor volunteered her husband. She said her husband was a real craftsman and could easily build new stairs for me. I told her I would pay for all the materials and pay him \$800 for his labor.

**Dot:** That sounds like a good deal.

**Lad:** I thought so too. But he finished the stairs yesterday, and they are awful. The work is really **slipshod**. The stairs are crooked and not the same depth. Some are 10 inches deep and others only 8 inches deep. They really look bad. And they are on the front of the house, so everyone notices them.

**Dot:** Will you make him re-do them? Or will you not pay him?

**Lad:** It's a problem because he's my neighbor. If I tell him I won't pay him or ask him to do a better job, I will make him mad. And I will **be stuck** living next door to someone who hates me. I can't believe I got myself into this mess.

**Sandy:** Gloria, I don't know what to do. I have only been married to Tom for one year and he is getting more and more distant from me. I love to snuggle when we're on the couch watching a movie, but Tom pushes me away. He says it's too hot to snuggle. He always used to kiss me in the morning before he left for work, but now he just waves.

**Gloria:** Oh no. That sounds bad. Do you think he doesn't love you any more?

**Sandy:** No, I don't think that. He does tell me he loves me. Tom has never been very affectionate, but when we were first married, he did try to be. He knew that was what I wanted, so he tried. But I guess he never felt comfortable showing affection. His parents are not affectionate at all. They don't kiss or hug each other. They are very cold. I guess that's the way Tom grew up.

**Gloria:** That's the opposite of your family. Your mom and dad always give me a big hug when I come in. And they always hold hands when they walk down the street.

**Sandy:** Yes, my parents show affection to all of us. I really miss it. Everyone needs human touch.

**Bill:** My best friend, Hal, is getting married next month.

**Lily:** That's nice. Do you like his fiancee?

**Bill:** In a word, no. She is a horrible snob. Hal's family always had more money than my family. But with Hal and I, it didn't matter. It was just no big deal. But his fiancee doesn't think like that.

She hosted a dinner party at her house and invited several friends of Hal and me. But she didn't invite me. In fact, she never invites me to hang out with our friends at her house. I guess she's ashamed of me because I can't afford the expensive clothes that Hal always wears. And my car is a real **clunker**. Hal drives a brand new sports car.

**Lily:** You're one of the smartest people I know and you're an amazing college professor. She shouldn't judge you for your clothes and your car.

**Bill:** I could just ignore her except that now she's going to be my best friend's wife. I know she'll try to keep Hal and I from getting together. I feel like I'm losing my best friend.

**Lily:** Have you talked to Hal about it.

**Bill:** I started to. But I don't want to **rain on Hal's parade**. He is so much in love with her that I don't want to say anything to make him feel bad.