

## FUMC ESL 5-16-2022 High Intermediate and Advanced Lesson

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

**Practice Speaking** by talking about yourself. You can use these questions as a guide. You don't have to answer every question. Add any questions you want.

I have been in Austin for \_\_\_\_\_.

Before that I lived in \_\_\_\_\_.

The best place I have ever lived is \_\_\_\_\_ because \_\_\_\_\_.

I hope to \_\_\_\_\_ while I am in the U.S..

I study \_\_\_\_\_.

My dream is to \_\_\_\_\_.

I live with \_\_\_\_\_.

The hardest thing about living here is \_\_\_\_\_.

I'm looking forward to \_\_\_\_\_.

Before I came here, I worked as a \_\_\_\_\_.

The happiest period of my life was \_\_\_\_\_.

One thing most people don't know about me is \_\_\_\_\_.

**Grammar: Choose the correct answer.**

1. Have you ever (been going / gone) to Asia?
2. Have you (been having / had) more than one job?
3. Have you ever (eaten / been eating) Mexican food?
4. You must finish the test. (Unless / Otherwise) you will get in trouble.
5. I saw her just (another / the other) day.
6. This is the town (which / where) I was born.
7. I'm not used to (do / doing) that.
8. (Despite / But for) your help, I would never finish.
9. (Unless / Despite) your efforts to confuse me, I figured out the answer.
10. The two brothers really look (like / alike).
11. No sooner (I had / had I) arrived and the concert ended.
12. Only when she (had left / did leave), did we discover she had taken my purse.
13. I'd rather (not go / not to go) if you don't mind.
14. It's time you (stopping / stopped) blaming your parents for all your problems.
15. If he (will come / comes) I won't stay.

16. He denied (to say / saying) it.
17. You (should / had ) better hurry or we will miss the play.
18. She didn't let them (to do / do) it.
19. They weren't allowed ( to do / doing) it.
20. By the time I reached (the theatre / to the theatre) everyone was leaving.

## IDIOMS

**Students: Circle the letter that you think answers the question. When you finish, check them with the group.**

1. When she read the letter, she couldn't believe her eyes.

What does the woman mean?

- a. She couldn't see the letter well enough to read it.
- b. She was amazed by what the letter said.
- c. Her eyes hurt when she read the letter.
- d. She didn't realize she had read the letter before.

2. We have to make allowances for Jimmy. He's the youngest child in the class. Of course he's not as mature as the others.

What does the woman say about Jimmy?

- a. We should give him an allowance.
- b. We should give him a maturity test.
- c. We should be tougher on Jimmy.
- d. We should be patient with him because of his age.

3. You want two hundred dollars for that old bike! You must be kidding!

What does the woman think.

- a. The bike is overpriced.
- b. The bike is worth two hundred dollars.
- c. The bike is broken.
- d. The bike is worth a lot more than two hundred dollars.

4. The store is not as profitable as the buyers were led to believe.

What is the woman saying?

- a. The store is not profitable.
- b. The store isn't really for sale.
- c. The owner of the store is making too much money.
- d. Someone told the buyers the store made more money than it does.

5. I could see he was tall and had curly hair, but I couldn't make out his face.

What is the woman saying?

- a. The man was too tall.
- b. She couldn't see his face well.
- c. She doesn't like tall, curly haired men.
- d. She thought he was wearing make-up.

6. The gate at the army base is manned around the clock.

What does the woman mean?

- a. There is a clock on the gate.
- b. There is a new man at the gate.
- c. There is a guard at the gate 24 hours a day.
- d. The base needs a new gate.

7. It is very difficult to measure up to my dad's expectations.

What can we assume about her dad?

- a. Her dad has extremely high expectations.
- b. Her dad likes to measure things.
- c. Her dad expects her to measure things.
- d. Her dad doesn't agree with the expectations.

8. Large families are the norm in Utah.

What does the woman mean?

- a. Few people in Utah have big families
- b. All the children are normal in Utah.
- c. Most people in Utah have large families.
- d. Families in Utah aren't normal.

9. Bobby would have been playing ball until the cows came home if it hadn't been for Suzie dragging him home for dinner.

What does this sentence mean?

- a. Bobby was just about to stop playing ball.
- b. Bobby didn't even want to play ball to begin with.
- c. Bobby prefers academics to athletics.
- d. Bobby would have continued playing ball for a long time.

10. Brian felt pretty good about getting the a pair of roller-skates for his birthday, until he saw his twin brother Ryan open up his GameBox X-9000, and then Brian felt like he got the short end of the stick.

How did Brian feel?

- a. Brian felt like Ryan received a better gift than he.

- b. Brian was quite pleased with his roller skates.
- c. Brian wanted a long stick that he could use when hiking.
- d. Brian feels bad for Ryan because Ryan wanted roller-skates.

### Practice Pronouncing Double Vowels

—In the double vowels “ai” and “ay”, the first vowel is long (says its name) and the second vowel is silent. Pronounce these words.

stray	holiday	Monday	stain	faith	sprain	plain	aim	afraid
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—In the double vowel “oa” or “oe” the first vowel is long and the second vowel is silent.

toe	tiptoe	goes	doe	toaster	goal	roam	throat	coal
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—In the double vowel “ie” there are two ways to pronounce the word. This can be very confusing. In some words the i is silent and the e is long.

brief	field	chief	piece	niece	achieve	bodies	bunnies	buried	hygiene
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—In a fewer number of words the i is long and the e is silent

allied	applies	lie	tie	spies	fried	replied	die	pie	air
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—And there are always exceptions that are pronounced differently: pier, cashier, chandelier, mischief