

## FUMC ESL 5-5-2022 High Beginning and Low Intermediate Lesson

Introduce yourself. Tell where you are from and where you live now. Name something that is IMPOLITE in your country.

### PREFIXES THAT MEAN THE OPPOSITE

English has several prefixes that mean the opposite. A prefix is a group of letters in front of a word.

NON is a prefix that means the **opposite**. So you have the words **sense** and **nonsense**.

EX: His argument made sense. His argument was nonsense.

You would not say, "His argument made nonsense." You would not say, "His argument was sense." We use "make sense" and "was nonsense."

#### Tell if these sentences make sense or are nonsense.

1. Practice makes perfect.
2. All Asians are good at math.
3. Girls should play with dolls and boys with trucks.
4. Woman's place is in the home.
5. Time heals all wounds.
6. Boys shouldn't cry.
7. Blondes are dumb.
8. All French people are good cooks.
9. Dogs are man's best friend.
10. Absence makes the heart grow fonder.

NON can also mean **not**. EX: The flight is non-stop (no stops). This milk is non-fat (no fat) . I prefer to read non-fiction (not fiction - true) books. I work for a non-profit (no profit) organization. This purchase is non-refundable (no refund). This is a non-smoking restaurant (no smoking allowed).

#### Discuss:

1. Are you a smoker or a non-smoker? Do you mind if people smoke while you eat?
2. Whole milk is 4% fat. 2% milk has half the fat. 1% milk has one quarter the fat. Skim milk is non-fat. Which type of milk do you prefer?
3. Do you like to read fiction or non-fiction books?
4. Would you buy something that is non-refundable?

UN is also an opposite prefix. So you say "Plug in the TV." or "Unplug the TV". Tell what these sentences mean.

EX: That was an **unkind** remark. (What she said was not kind.)

1. An **unknown** man left a package at my door.
2. Our team lost the game because they were **unlucky**.
3. Please help me **unload** the truck.
4. Please **unlock** the door.
5. The car was **unmanned**.
6. This pregnancy was **unplanned**.

7. My appointment at the dentists was **unpleasant**.
8. Selling magazines was **unprofitable**.
9. It is **unsafe** to swim in the river when it is flooding.
10. The man was dirty and **unshaven**.

IL means opposite or not. It is **illegal** (not legal) to park here. The boy is **illiterate** (no literacy, can't read)

IM sometimes means opposite or not. Learning English is **impossible** (not possible) without a good teacher. This coat is cheap because it is **imperfect** (not perfect, something wrong with it). It is **impolite** (not polite) to leave in the middle of a concert. He is so **impatient** (not patient). She is very **immature** (not mature-acts like someone younger).

DIS means opposite or not. I **disagree** with her answer. She is **disabled**. The boy **disappeared**. Please **disconnect** my computer. That person is **dishonest**.

**Read these conversations and answer the questions.**

**Kay:** My dad had a bad fall. He is in the hospital. I want to fly home to see him. But it is **impossible** to find a **non-stop** flight right now.

**Lori:** I'm sorry about your dad. Why did he fall?

**Kay:** The steps at his house are **unsafe**. It was raining. He slipped on the steps.

**Lori:** Hospitals are **unpleasant**. I hope you can fly there

**Questions:**

1. Who's in the hospital?
2. What kind of flight does Kay want?
3. Why did Kay's dad fall?
4. What is unpleasant?

**Len:** These are **inexpensive** sweaters. They must be **imperfect**.

**Salesperson:** Yes, some are **discolored**.

**Len:** Maybe if I wash them, they will be ok.

**Salesperson:** These sweaters are **non-refundable**. You can't return them for a **refund**.

**Len:** OK. I won't buy them.

**Questions:**

1. Why were the sweaters inexpensive?
2. Could Len return the sweaters after he bought them?



**THE HAT: Another FROG AND TOAD story.**

**Narrator:** On Toad's birthday, Frog gave him a hat. Toad was delighted.

**Frog:** Happy Birthday, Toad!

**Narrator:** Toad put on the hat. It fell down over his eyes.

**Frog:** I am sorry, Toad. That hat is too big for you. I will give you something else.

**Toad:** No. This hat is your present to me. I like it. I will wear it the way it is.

**Narrator:** Frog and Toad went for a walk. Toad tripped over a rock. He bumped into a tree. He fell in a hole.

**Toad:** Frog! I can't see anything. I will not be able to wear your beautiful present. This is a sad birthday for me.

**Narrator:** Toad was said and Frog was sad. Frog's present didn't fit Toad. Frog thought hard. Then he had an idea.

**Frog:** Toad. Here is what you must do. Tonight when you go to bed, you must think some very big thoughts. Those big thoughts will make your head grow larger. In the morning your new hat may fit.

**Toad:** What a good idea!

**Narrator:** That night when Toad went to bed, he thought the biggest thoughts that he could think. Toad thought about giant sunflowers. He thought about tall oak trees. He thought about high mountains covered with snow. Then Toad fell asleep. Frog came into Toad's house. He came in quietly. Frog found the hat and took it to his house. Frog poured some water on the hat. He put the hat in a warm place to dry. It began to shrink. That hat got smaller and smaller. Frog went back to Toad's house. Toad was still fast asleep. Frog put the hat back on the hook where he found it. When Toad woke up in the morning, he put the hat on his head. It was just the right size. Toad ran to Frog's house.

**Toad:** Frog! Frog! All those big thoughts have made my head much larger. Now I can wear your present!

**Narrator:** Frog and Toad went for a walk. Toad did not trip over a rock. He did not bump into a tree. He did not fall in a hole. It turned out to be a very pleasant day after Toad's birthday.

1. What did Frog give Toad for his birthday?
2. What was wrong with the present?
3. What did Toad think of the present?
4. What happened on their walk?
5. Why did Toad say it was a sad birthday?
6. What did Frog tell Toad to do that night?
7. What did Frog do while Toad slept?
8. Did Frog's idea work?

### **Catherine's Story**

One Christmas my husband gave me beautiful earrings. They were lovely, but they were for pierced ears. I don't have pierced ears. I couldn't wear the earrings. I thought about getting my ears pierced. But I really didn't want to have my ears pierced. I don't wear much jewelry. I wished my husband had given me something else.

I felt sad that I couldn't use my present. My husband felt sad that he had bought a bad present for me. He took the earrings back to the store. He asked me what he should buy for me. I told

him we needed nice steak knives. He bought me a lovely set of steak knives. I use them all the time. I was very happy to get that present.

Tell about a time when you received a present that made you sad.

**Pronunciation Practice-These word pairs sound similar. Practice saying them together.**

watch - what	weather - whether	air - hair	live - leave	good - food
west - vest	think - thing	hut - heart	hit - heat	worse - worth
disc - dish	his - he's	chip - cheap	fill - feel	grin - green

1. Watch what I can do.
2. I don't know whether the weather will be good tomorrow.
3. Hot air is bad for your hair.
4. Let it live.
5. Leave it alone.
6. Good food is hard to find.
7. He's going to his house.
8. I feel like it's too cheap.
9. He grinned at the green frog.
10. Is it worth it?
11. Is it worse?
12. I can't think of anything.