

FUMC ESL 6-27-2022 High Intermediate and Advanced Lesson

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

Pronunciation: Practice saying these word pairs.

would wood	won one	weight wait	ward word
weak wake	weather whether	win when	which witch
whine wine	won't want	wrap rap	write right
we'd weed	worship warship	warn worn	war wore
waist waste	wise why	wheel will	wall whale

Write the "ed" form of these words.

hope	buy	begin	lie
stop	beg	open	reply
try	occur	injure	prefer

Here are the spelling rules for adding ED:

1. for words that end in E, simply add D: smiled, loved
2. for words that end in a consonant followed by Y, drop the Y and add IED: carried, married
3. for most words that end in a vowel followed by Y, simply add ED: played, showed
4. for one or two syllable words that end in consonant, vowel, consonant, double the last letter and add ED: stopped, jogged, controlled
5. many words are irregular: buy-bought, sell-sold, ride-rode. In this case, you just memorize the past tense form.

Read and Discuss: Underline any words or sentences you don't understand. After reading each paragraph, explain what it said IN YOUR OWN WORDS.

The Night I Slept in Central Park

If I asked you to make a list of ten places where you might not feel safe at night, New York might be on your list. If I asked you where, in New York, you might not feel safe at night, Central Park might be a place you'd mention.

So **what on earth** was I doing sleeping on a bench under the trees in Central Park?

Well, it was the night before the New York **Half-Marathon**. I had planned a light supper and **an early night**. I had **set the alarm** for four-thirty and booked a taxi to take me to the start for five-thirty. I ate my light supper, read for a while and went to bed around ten.

That's when the neighborhood went crazy. First there was a fire in an apartment building down the street: fire engines and **sirens**. Then there was a **domestic abuse incident** in the

apartment next door: police cars and sirens. After that a street party started outside my bedroom window: music and singing. Then there was a **drunken** fight: ambulances and sirens. I even heard a gunshot.

It was one o'clock in the morning and I was running a half-marathon in six hours. I hadn't slept. I couldn't sleep. The harder I tried, the more difficult it became. I got up. I **wandered** around the apartment. The noise was **deafening**. So I decided to get ready and leave the apartment.

I put on my running gear and left the apartment. I made my way, carefully, between the broken glass and discarded food on the street, to the subway station. I waited half an hour for a train but when it came it was empty and I was soon at 96th Street. Coming up to street level I was struck by how quiet it was, how calm it was and how warm it was. I had left the apartment with no idea what I was going to do until the start of the race, but now, looking across the road at the Park, it was suddenly obvious.

There was a lovely, long bench under the trees and not far from the road. I sat down for a while, then I lay down. The next thing I remember is my watch alarm ringing at four thirty. It was still dark but I woke feeling relaxed, refreshed and remarkably comfortable. The **dawn chorus** was as deafening as the police sirens had been - but much sweeter.

What on earth..?

An expression of amazed disbelief at someone's stupidity.

half-marathon

a running race of 13.1 miles/21 kilometres

an early night

If you decide to have an early night it means you plan to go to bed early or earlier than usual.

set the alarm

adjust an alarm clock so that it will ring at a particular time

sirens

warning devices, for example on fire engines, ambulances and police cars, which make a loud noise

domestic abuse incident

a (usually violent) fight between a couple (e.g. husband and wife or boyfriend and girlfriend)

drunken

Drunken behavior is clumsy, noisy, foolish and sometimes violent behavior by someone who is drunk.

wandered

walked casually and aimlessly

deafening

so loud as to make you deaf (i.e. damage your ability to hear)

dawn chorus

the singing of birds at dawn

Questions:

1-This author describes an experience that could have been very scary, but turned out just fine. Tell about a scary experience you have had. How did it turn out?

2-Have you ever lived in a place where there were frequently sirens and you could hear people arguing or fighting?

3-If you are staying in a strange city, how do you know which areas are safe?

4-Put a check beside the things that scare you. Talk about your list with the group. Decide what the 3 scariest things are. Is there one thing on the list that many people are scared of, but you aren't? Is there anything you would add to the list?

walking in a park when no one else is around

walking downtown at night

opening the door to your apartment when you don't know whose knocking

seeing a snake in your yard

seeing a scorpion in your bathtub

being in high places

riding an elevator

crossing a rickety bridge

riding a bicycle in traffic

birds flying near me

any kind of spider

ferris wheels or roller coasters

driving on the freeways

raising my hand in class

speaking to an English speaker on the telephone

speaking in front of an audience

bees and wasps

haunted houses

swimming in a river or lake

people on the streets who beg for money

dogs

5-In 1933, Franklin Roosevelt was elected president. The country was in the middle of The Great Depression. Millions were out of work. Many had lost everything and depended on hand-outs to survive. Many were afraid America might not survive this horrible economic period. After being sworn in as president, Franklin Roosevelt gave a speech. He said, "The only thing we have to fear, is fear itself." What do you think he meant by that? Do you think that was a good thing to say to people at that time?

6-Franklin Roosevelt's wife, Eleanor also had a quote about fear. She said, "Do one thing every day that scares you." Is this good advice?