

## FUMC ESL 6-30-2022 High Intermediate and Advanced Lesson

Introduce yourself. Tell where you are from and where you live now. What advice would you give to a friend who was getting married?

**Correct the prepositions in these sentences. (Note: In some of these sentences, you can leave out the preposition. Tell which sentences they are.)**

1. I'm taking a trip at November.
2. Tim starts his new job in November first.
3. We don't usually go out in night.
4. Meet me on noon tomorrow.
5. Emma was born on March, but Hal was born in February twentieth.
6. After you turn the corner, the bank is at the left.
7. She's disappointed with me at cancelling the wedding.
8. We sailed against the wind with hours.
9. She is the one at the middle.
10. In second thought, I will have an ice cream.
11. Susan is not here. She's in vacation
12. Make sure you are in the list.

**Read the conversations and discuss the underlined idioms. Teachers, stop after each sentence and talk about the idiom. Then go back and have 2 different people read it again without stopping. Ask for questions. They can check the definitions at the bottom if they are having difficulty defining the idioms.**

**Teacher:** We need to count heads and make sure all the kids are here before we head inside.

**Assistant:** Jimmy is trying to run ahead. He always likes to get a head start.

**Teacher:** We'd better head him off. I don't want him to run into the street. He has a good head on his shoulders, but he sometimes gets ahead of himself and forgets to wait for the class.

**Assistant:** I don't know how you keep such a level head when you are in charge of 25 six year olds. It makes my head spin to think about it.

**Teacher:** My husband says I'm soft in the head to want to be around a whole classroom of six year olds all day every day, but I love my job. This job is head and shoulders above any other job I've had. There are days when it's hard to keep my head above water, but generally I am head over heels in love with these adorable little children.

**Assistant:** That's great you love them so much. Sometimes putting up with small kids can be a pain in the neck. And it feels like the principal is breathing down my neck to follow the rules. It's hard for me, being only 21, to shoulder the responsibility for all these kids. You're great with the kids and you get along well with the parents.

**Teacher:** When I first came to this neck of the woods, a few parents gave me the cold shoulder. I was from New York City and they felt like I would be out of touch with small town people. But now we all see eye to eye. They know I have their children's best interest at heart. They know I'm not trying to pull the wool over their eyes. I genuinely want what's best for their kids.

**Assistant:** Mrs. Smith, the school secretary was bending my ear the other day about how I should treat the kids. She said I was still wet behind the ears and needed her advice. She was pretty insulting. She implied I was in over my head. I was nice to her face. But I gave her a piece of my mind as soon as I was out of earshot.

**Teacher:** Mrs. Smith has always been a busybody. You have to make allowances for her. She's been the school secretary for forty years and she knows every Tom, Dick and Harry in the community. She'll run off at the mouth if you give her a chance. When I first came here she drove me up the wall. I learned to grin and bear her advice sessions. I guess she's decided I'm OK now because she leaves me alone most days.

**Which idiom means:**

- a. to count the number of people in the group to make sure everyone is present
- b. to block someone's movement. by getting in front of them
- c. to make someone confused or dizzy
- d. to accept that you are responsible
- e. to be stupid or crazy
- f. is much better than someone else
- g. to deceive someone
- h. in this area
- i. suffer bad things without complaining
- j. lacking in awareness of something
- k. to be able to continue without failing or going broke
- l. start before the others do
- m. to do something before you are ready or prepared

**Sara:** My husband and I are having trouble getting along.

**Debra:** I'm sorry. I am here for you if you need someone to listen.

**Sara:** Thanks. I know you will be **discreet**. I don't want my troubles to be talked about in the office.

**Debra:** I won't tell. Have you seen a marriage counselor?

**Sara:** Joe wants to see a counselor, but I'm skeptical.

**Debra:** It wouldn't hurt to try.

**Sara:** I guess you are right. Nothing ventured, nothing gained.

1. If you are discreet, you are careful to avoid attracting attention or revealing private information. You can do something discreetly (quietly without drawing attention to yourself) or you can be discreet (not give up information that is private). Which meaning of this word is Sara using?
2. Sara is skeptical. If you are skeptical about something, you have doubts about it. Ex: James said he got an A in the course, but I'm skeptical. He made B's and C's on all the tests.
3. Are you skeptical of politician's claims?
4. What else are you skeptical of?

5. Nothing ventured, nothing gained means you have to take risks to achieve something. If you moved to the United States to improve your economic situation, you ventured or risked something. Do you believe you have to take risks to get ahead in the world?

**In your country:**

- do people frequently get divorced?
- do married couples go to counselors for help with their marriage?
- is it common for someone to have been married more than once?
- do people marry young or wait until they are older?

**Would you ever:**

- go to a marriage counselor?
- marry someone much older or younger than you?
- marry someone your parents disapproved of?
- marry someone who did not have a job?
- consider staying single?
- marry someone you only knew for a few weeks?
- marry someone of a different nationality?

**Pronouncing words that end in PT:** When PT comes at the end of a word, we sound both the P and T. Notice some words like "leaped" and "gripped" are not spelled with PT but are pronounced that way. There is one PT word, "receipt" in which the P is silent. It sounds like "re-seet".

weep - wept	creep - crept	sleep - slept	skip - script
keep - kept	sweep - swept	leap - leaped	tempt - tempted

He was handsome and **prompt**.

He **swept** her off her feet.

**Except** he was **corrupt**.

The change was **abrupt**.

She couldn't **adapt**.

She felt **contempt**.

He said, "Don't **disrupt**!"

He **kept** her in the closet.

He **overslept**.

She **crept** out.

She **gripped** a knife.

Don't **tempt** me, she said.

She **leaped** out the window.

He **wept** when she left.

"**Accept** it," she said. "It wasn't in the **script**."