

FUMC ESL 10-27-2022 High Intermediate and Advanced Lesson

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

Take turns reading these funny sayings and explaining what they mean and why they are funny.

1. I still miss my ex, but my aim is getting better. (This joke relies on the different meanings of "miss". When you say, I still miss my ex, you mean to feel the absence of someone. But the 2nd part refers to missing as when you aim for someone and you don't hit them.)
2. Sometimes I wake up grumpy. Other times I let him sleep. (the first sentence implies a mood, but the second part makes it clear they are using grumpy as a noun.)
3. A closed mouth gathers no feet. (Teachers: Discuss-"a rolling stone gathers no moss" and "open mouth, insert foot").
4. Five out of four people have trouble with fractions.
5. I started out with nothing and still have most of it left.
6. Confidence is the feeling you have before you fully understand the situation.
7. We live in a society where pizza gets to your house before the police.
8. People who think they know everything are a great annoyance to those of us who do.
9. Happiness is having a large, loving, close-knit family in another city.

Match the opposites. Then make a sentence with one of the words you matched. Teachers write them on the board or in the chat box.

absent	forbid
accept	above
admit	minimum
allow	together
apart	believe
below	sharp
birth	present
blunt	destroy
maximum	refuse
separate	death
create	combine

doubt	deny
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Homographs are words that are spelled the same but have different pronunciations and different meanings. Read the sentence pairs below. Explain the different meanings. Teachers, help with pronunciation of the homographs.

I live in Texas.	We went to a live performance of my favorite band.
I usually read in bed at night.	Last year, I read ten novels.
The lead singer in the band is wonderful.	Lead pipes are dangerous for your health.
The wind blew the tree down.	Don't forget to wind the clock.
I wound my watch last night.	He suffered a terrible wound in the war.
Many things they sell have no use .	Papa likes to use his hands to fix things.
The director wears a bow tie.	The singer took a bow after the song.

Read and Discuss:

Sally was mad at her husband, Sam. Sam went off for the weekend with the boys. Sally stayed home alone. She was bored. She was mad that Sam would go off with the boys. After all, they had only been married a few weeks. Sally sat at home. She tried watching TV, but it wasn't entertaining. She tried reading a magazine, but that didn't hold her interest either. She decided to go to the mall. Sally went on a spending spree at the mall. She spent over two hundred dollars on things she didn't need. When Sam came home, he was shocked to see all the things Sally bought. Sam said, "I don't think we can afford for me to go off with the boys." Sally smiled.

1. Why was Sally mad at Sam?
2. How did Sally try to entertain herself?
3. What did Sally do at the mall?
4. What is a "spending spree"?
5. Why was Sam shocked when he got home?
6. What did Sam say?
7. Did Sally teach Sam a lesson?
8. Would you be mad if your husband went away with the boys after just a few weeks of marriage?
9. Have you ever gone on a spending spree? What did you buy?

Tim and Karen had not planned to go out this Friday night. They both were looking forward to a quiet night at home after a busy week at work. But on the way home, they passed their favorite Chinese restaurant. "Hey, do you want to have Chinese tonight," asked Tim. "That sounds great. I'm really hungry for Chinese food," said Karen. So they made a spur of the moment decision to go into the restaurant. When they went inside, they discovered their next door

neighbors had just sat down at a table for four. The neighbors waved Tim and Karen over to join them. The four of them enjoyed a great Chinese dinner. Then their neighbors suggested they all go to a bar down the street for a nightcap. To their surprise, there was a great jazz guitarist playing beginning. He was really talented and they stayed for his whole set. It was after midnight when Tim and Karen finally got home. They were exhausted. Tim said, "Tomorrow night, we must not make any spur of the moment plans. We really must have a quiet evening at home."

1. What were Tim and Karen looking forward to?
2. What did Tim suggest to Karen?
3. What is a spur of the moment decision?
4. Who was inside the restaurant?
5. What did the neighbors do when they saw Tim and Karen?
6. After dinner where did they go?
7. Who was playing at the bar?
8. How long did they stay at the bar?
9. When did they get home?
10. Will they go out on Saturday night?
11. Talk about a spur of the moment decision you have made that turned out well.