

## FUMC ESL 10-31-2022 High Beginning and Low Intermediate Lesson

**Introduce yourself.** Tell where you are from and where you live now. What is your favorite holiday?

**Halloween:** In the United States we celebrate Halloween on October 31<sup>st</sup>. Today is Halloween. People used to believe that Halloween was a day when evil spirits could return to earth.

Today, Halloween is a just a day when we have fun. Children go from house to house asking for candy. We call this trick-or-treating. Some people wear costumes to work. Many people go to costume parties. Below are some common Halloween symbols.



This is a **witch**. She wears a tall hat. She flies through the air on a broomstick.



This is a **ghost**. A ghost is a spirit.



This is a **skeleton**. Skeletons have bones.



This is a **pumpkin**. It is orange. It has a stem.



This is a **jack-o-lantern**. It is a pumpkin with a face. Someone carved this pumpkin. Carve means to cut.



This is a **cemetery**. We bury people here. Bury means to dig a hole and put something in it. A graveyard is the same as a cemetery. There are many graves in a grave yard. A gravestone is a stone on top of a grave. The gravestone has name of the person who is buried in the grave.



This is a **black cat**. Witches have black cats. Black cats are unlucky. If you have good luck, good things happen. If you have bad luck, you are unlucky.



This is a **bat**. They fly at night. There are two million bats under the Congress Avenue bridge in Austin. Tourists come to see them fly out at night.



This is a **devil**. Devils are evil. Angels are good. Devils and angels are opposite.



This boy is scared. Some people like to watch movies that are very scary. We call these kind of movies 'horror movies'. In Austin, there is a horror movie festival every year.

### **Answer these questions**

Do you like to watch scary movies?

Would you go to a horror movie festival?

What are you scared of?

### **Read this scary Halloween story.**

## **The Ghost Hitchhiker**

It was a cold, dark night. Two friends, Daniel and Ali, were driving home from a Halloween party. Suddenly, they saw a young girl standing by the road. She looked about 9 years old. Daniel said, "She must be lost. Let's stop and help her."

They stopped and offered her a ride. She said yes and got in the car. The girl was shivering. Ali took his coat off and gave it to her. She put it on. Then they asked her where she lived. The address was close by.

They dropped her off at her house and drove away. The next morning, Ali realized that the girl kept his coat. He drove back to her house to get it. He also wanted to know if the girl was ok.

He went to the girl's house and rang the doorbell. A woman opened the door and said, "Can I help you?" Ali said, "Yes, we drove your daughter home last night. I think she was lost. Is she ok?" The woman stared at him. Then she said, "My only daughter died 20 years ago. She was 9 years old."

Ali didn't believe her so the woman took him to the cemetery. There was the gravestone of the girl. And on the grave, Ali saw his coat, folded neatly!

### **Answer these questions:**

1. Do you celebrate Halloween in your country? If you do, tell us how you celebrate it. If you don't, tell us if there is a festival in your country to honor the dead.
2. If you were invited to a costume party, what costume would you choose?
3. Have you ever been to a costume party? What costume did you wear?
4. If children come trick-or-treating to your house tonight, will you give them candy?
5. Do you believe in ghosts? Have you ever seen a ghost?

Last week Catherine promised you a list that will help understand which verbs can be followed by a gerund and which verbs can be followed by an infinitive. Catherine is out this week but here is her list. We will do more work on gerunds and infinitives when Catherine gets back. WARNING - This is not a complete list.

***Common Verbs that may be followed by a gerund but NOT by an infinitive.***

<b>admit:</b>	He admitted stealing the money.
<b>deny:</b>	The boy denied stealing her purse.
<b>discuss:</b>	They discussed opening a new business.
<b>enjoy:</b>	They enjoyed visiting our city.
<b>finish:</b>	She finished studying around midnight.
<b>keep:</b>	I keep calling her, but she doesn't answer.
<b>mind:</b>	Would you mind helping me with these boxes?
<b>miss:</b>	I miss being with my family.
<b>practice:</b>	The team practiced throwing the ball.
<b>quit:</b>	The girls quit trying when they saw they were going to lose the game.
<b>recommend:</b>	I recommend studying the lesson in advance of class.
<b>regret:</b>	I regret telling Dan that he should stay home.
<b>stop:</b>	She stopped going to class.

***Common Verbs that may be followed by an infinitive but NOT by a gerund.***

<b>afford:</b>	We can't afford to buy a new house.
<b>agree:</b>	They agreed to water our plants while we are on vacation.
<b>appear:</b>	The plane appeared to land in the field.
<b>ask:</b>	He asked to come to the party.
<b>beg:</b>	My son begged to go to the swimming pool.
<b>consent:</b>	She consented to marry him.
<b>decide:</b>	They decided to leave early.
<b>expect:</b>	She expects to attend graduate school in the U.S.
<b>fail:</b>	The children failed to return their library books.
<b>forget:</b>	I forgot to mail the letter.
<b>help:</b>	I helped to clean up the mess.
<b>hope:</b>	We hope to find an apartment we can afford.
<b>learn:</b>	He learned to play the piano.
<b>need:</b>	I need to finish my university course.
<b>offer:</b>	My neighbors offered to help us.
<b>plan:</b>	I plan to return to my country after the war.
<b>promise:</b>	She promised to be home on time.
<b>refuse:</b>	He refused to answer the question.
<b>threaten:</b>	The teacher threatened to tell my parents.
<b>volunteer:</b>	She volunteered to teach me.
<b>wait:</b>	I waited to see the doctor.
<b>want:</b>	I want to explain why I was late.

***Common Verbs that can be followed by a gerund or an infinitive.*** NOTE: The meaning sometimes changes depending on whether you use an infinitive or a gerund.

<b>begin:</b>	I begin working when I have all my tools.	I begin to work when I have all my tools.
<b>continue:</b>	He continues studying.	He continues to study.
<b>hate:</b>	I hate arguing.	I hate to argue.
<b>like:</b>	I like swimming.	I like to swim.
<b>love:</b>	Children love playing on the swings.	Children love to play on the swings.
<b>prefer:</b>	We prefer eating a light dinner.	We prefer to eat a light dinner.
<b>remember:</b>	I remember locking the door.	Did you remember to lock the door.
<b>start:</b>	He started running.	He started to run.
<b>stop:</b>	We stopped buying candy.	We stopped to buy candy.
<b>try:</b>	Mother tried singing a song to the fussy baby.	Mother tried to sing a song to the fussy baby.