

## FUMC ESL 10-6-2022 High Intermediate and Advanced Lesson

Introduce yourself. Tell where you are from and where you live now. What is a question you are often asked by Americans you meet?

**Pronunciation Practice: Say the word pairs. Tell if they are pronounced the same or slightly different.**

would wood	won one	weight wait	ward word
woke work	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	warn warm	wheel will	well whale

**Quick Grammar Quiz: Choose the correct pronoun.**

1. It's up to (we / us) to solve the problem.
2. Who left the paper all over the floor? It was (she / her).
3. Did you finish ( you / your) homework?
4. Susan and (her / she) friend are going to the party.
5. You can order whatever you want. The choice is (your / yours).
6. Is this (you're / your) wallet?
7. Linda fell and broke her arm again. She often hurts (her / herself).
8. There is no one but ( me / I ) to care for her.
9. That husband of (you / yours) is so funny.
10. This house is (their / theirs).

### **ABOUT:**

About is usually used as a preposition. EX: Stop complaining about your marriage. You must do something about the problem. But it can also be used as an adverb. EX: We are about ready to go. We were about through with dinner. (In these last two sentences, about means almost.)

We use about in questions and answers:

EX:What was the movie **about**? It was **about** a spy who got caught.

What were they arguing **about**? They were arguing about politics. They **disagreed about** who should lead the country.

Several of us are going to the beach. **What about Mary**? Is she going?

What do these sentences mean?

1. It's **about time** you got here!
2. I'm **not about** to turn over my paycheck to him.
3. I'm sorry, but I can't talk to you now. My husband and I are **about to go out**.
4. She did an **about face** on the situation when she learned the facts.
5. I don't let rude people bother me. I just **go about my business** and ignore their rudeness.
6. In an emergency, it's important you **keep your wits about you**.

7. Sue **went on and on about** her children. She **brags about** them all the time.
8. My aunt really likes her new boyfriend, but I **have my doubts about him**. It seems to me he is just interested in her for her money.
9. How is your father doing? Much better, thanks. He's **up and about** now.
10. I have a big problem. I'm sorry. **Tell me all about it**.

**Answer these questions:**

1. What do you complain about?
2. What was the last movie you saw about?
3. What do you dream about?
4. Are people understanding about your struggles with English? (In other words, do people TRY to understand you or do they dismiss you and turn to the next person?)
5. Tell about a time when you did an about face. (Hint- you changed your mind about something, or did something you said you wouldn't ever do.) Explain why you did an about face.
6. What is something your parents feel like it is about time for you to do? For example, "It's about time you got married." Or "It's about time you started a family." Or "It's about time you found a job."
7. Name something you are excited about.
8. Who do you often think about?
9. Name something you are having second thoughts about.
10. When you think of the future, what do you worry about the most?

Read the paragraph and explain in your own words what it says. Ask questions about words or phrases you don't understand.

1. I drove up to the house where the party was and noticed all the cars parked outside. I didn't know so many people had been invited. I took a look around at the various cars. Right away, I spotted a new, bright red Porsche convertible. That had to be Bill's. Bill always has the latest model sports car and it's always a bright color like red or yellow. Bill likes his cars and his women to be flashy. They are an extension of his personality.

- a) What does the author mean when she says that Bill likes his cars and his women flashy?
- b) What does the author mean when she says that Bill's cars are an extension of his personality?

2. The next car I noticed was a four year old Dodge van. There's no question who owns that. That's Chuck's car. You might think it's unusual for a guy in his mid-twenties to drive a van, but Chuck is different than most of us. He's already married and has twin daughters. While the rest of us are still playing the field, Chuck has settled down. He owns a house and is raising a family. We call him "the old man". We tease him about his car, but Chuck just smiles. He's always been very mature and serious. He was never a playboy. He met his wife in college and they married immediately after graduating and she got pregnant right after that. You could say Bill and Chuck are polar opposites.

- a) What does "playing the field" mean?
- b) Who is the playboy?
- c) Compare Bill and Chuck's personalities.
- d) What does "polar opposite" mean?
- e) Which personality is closest to yours, Bill's or Chuck's?