

## FUMC ESL 11-14-2022 High Intermediate and Advanced Lesson

Introduce yourself. Tell where you are from and where you live now. What is something you are curious about?

### Idioms---Read and Discuss:

Using gerunds as the subject of a sentence is common in English. Read these examples. Sleeping is hard if you suffer from anxiety. Brushing your teeth after every meal improves gum health. Exercising in the morning makes me feel good all day.

The paragraph below uses gerunds as subjects. For examples: "Taking English classes in high school gave me an advantage. Trying to follow the professor's lecture was hard." Read the paragraph through one time. Notice the gerunds and the underlined idioms. Then read it through again one sentence at a time to make sure you understand the meaning.

Taking English classes when I was in high school really gave me a head start when I moved to the U.S. I had an advantage over the other foreign students in my university classes. In fact, some of them were really in over their heads. The chemistry class was very advanced. Some students didn't understand English well enough to follow the professor's lecture. Trying to follow a lecture in a foreign language can really make your head spin. The professor was scratching his head trying to figure out how to teach these students that didn't understand English. Honestly, some of these students were real knuckleheads. They should have known not to take advanced chemistry if you don't speak English. I made one of the best grades in the class. I have to be careful not to let it go to my head.

Questions:

1. Do you think this student is arrogant or just proud of his/her accomplishments?
2. How many English classes did you take when you were in your home country?
3. Were you able to understand English and make yourself understood when you arrived here?
4. Do you feel like your knowledge of English when you arrived gave you a head start?

Carol and Tim are such an attractive couple. They turn heads wherever they go. I saw them recently at a friend's wedding. Tim is such a dashing figure in his military uniform. And, of course, Carol was dressed to the nines. Every man in the room was green with envy when Tim walked in with Carol on his arm. And they appear to be head over heels in love with each other. They were the center of attention at the reception. I felt sorry for the bride, as Carol put her to shame. Carol didn't mean to outdo the bride. She can't help it that she's gorgeous.

Questions:

1. If you are a woman, do you think uniforms make men look especially attractive?
2. In the U.S. mothers and mother in laws are not supposed to outshine the bride at their weddings. So many mothers and mother in laws dress very conservatively. Is this the custom in your country?
3. What does the saying, "Beauty is as beauty does," mean?

### Grammar: Negative Questions

We often use negatives when we ask a question. Read these questions and talk about when you would use each question.

1. Does she never offer to help?
2. Why doesn't she help us?
3. Haven't you got something you need to do?
4. Have you got nothing better to do than annoy me?
5. Didn't you hear me calling you?
6. Doesn't the bride look beautiful?
7. Haven't you told them you're quitting yet?
8. Don't you remember what the coach told us?
9. Isn't our teacher handsome?
10. Doesn't she know how to use email?
11. Wasn't she in your class at school?
12. Do you have nowhere to go?
13. Why not paint your house yourself?
14. Does she not realize that her behavior is rude?
15. Does no one understand this problem?
16. What don't you understand?

**Pronunciation:** Some students have difficulty pronouncing consonant blends with R. Practice saying these word pairs.

bring - bling	cream - dream	French - drench	crab - drab	trash truck
train - drain	bride - tried	brain drain	brown - drown	from - drum

### Practice Speaking:

1. Bling is expensive and showy jewelry. The singer, Mariah Carey, loves to wear bling. Many male, professional athletes wear large chains with diamonds around their necks. Do you like to wear bling? Do you think showy jewelry looks good on men?
2. A dream can be a story that appears in your mind while you sleep or it can be an ambition. For example: Her lifelong dream was to perform on stage. Do you have a dream that you have had since you were very young?
3. Do you remember dreams from the night before when you wake up? Do you ever have nightmares (scary dreams)? Do you ever find the answer to problems that are bothering you in your dreams?
4. Drab is something that doesn't have much color or personality. EX: The curtains in our apartment are drab. They are plain beige. I would like to replace them with bright colors. We can use "drab" to talk about a person's personality. A drab personality means someone who is not lively. They are dull or boring. When you think of your house or apartment, is there anything that you think is drab?