

## FUMC ESL 11-7-2022 High Intermediate and Advanced Lesson

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

### **Read and discuss this story about an American wedding.**

Li is from China. She lives in Austin. She has been invited to an American friend's wedding. She wants to go. She has never been to an American wedding. But Li is nervous. She doesn't know what to wear. She doesn't know what type of present to give them. She doesn't know if she can bring her boyfriend.

Li receives a "save the date" card. It says her friend will be married in 4 months. A couple of months later, Li receives a very thick, fancy envelope. It is her invitation. The invitation is for her and guest. Li knows this means she can bring her boyfriend to the wedding. If the invitation did not say, "and guest", her boyfriend could not come. Li fills out the RSVP card in the invitation and mails it back to the bride. It is very impolite not to return this card. It should be returned as quickly as you can.

Li notices that the invitation is for the wedding at the bride's church and the reception afterward at a downtown club. The invitation also shows where the bride and groom are "registered". Li asks a friend what this means. She discovers that she can go to the stores on the list and ask for the registry for the bride. There will be a list of things the bride and groom would like to receive. Li chooses something and arranges for it to be sent to the bride. It is not a good idea to take a wedding present to the wedding. Presents can be misplaced and the bride might not receive them.

Li asks a friend what she should wear to the wedding. The friend says, "If it is a formal wedding, wear dressy clothes. If it is a casual wedding on the beach, wear more casual clothes." Li decides to wear a very nice light blue evening dress. She puts her hair up and puts ribbons in her hair. She puts on make-up and a lovely necklace. Her boyfriend wears a suit.

Li tells her boyfriend to pick her up very early. American weddings start on time and everyone must be seated before it can begin. So Li and her boyfriend plan to arrive at least 15 minutes before the wedding time. When they arrive at the church, there are ushers the bride has chosen to escort guests to their seats. The left side of the church is for guests of the bride and the right hand is for guests of the groom.

After the ceremony, everyone goes to the reception. There is sometimes a "receiving line". People line up to congratulate the newly married couple. Then dinner is served. There are toasts to the bride by her close family and friends. After dinner, the dancing begins. The bride will dance with her father first. Then the groom will dance with his mother. After the formal dances, everyone can dance.

Li and her boyfriend have a wonderful time at the wedding. They are looking forward to their own wedding now.

1. Have you been to an American wedding?
2. Do you have any questions about wedding etiquette?
3. How was your wedding different from the one Li attended?

Prepositions: Put one of the prepositions below into the blank:  
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1. We all tried to participate \_\_\_\_\_ the discussion.
2. Everybody laughed \_\_\_\_\_ him when he put on the fake beard.
3. I am dreaming \_\_\_\_\_ a vacation on the beach.
4. The children are fighting \_\_\_\_\_ their toys.
5. What subjects are you interested \_\_\_\_\_?
6. They are laughing \_\_\_\_\_ the funny monkeys in the zoo.
7. She reminds me \_\_\_\_\_ her sister.
8. He is totally focused \_\_\_\_\_ his job.
9. It's too bad they lied \_\_\_\_\_ it.
10. She gave a report \_\_\_\_\_ the environment.
11. Why did he insist \_\_\_\_\_ everyone ordering dessert?
12. What are you looking \_\_\_\_\_?
13. Are you going to invest \_\_\_\_\_ that business?
14. He taught me a lot \_\_\_\_\_ music.
15. He knew a lot \_\_\_\_\_ animals.
16. I wish I could think \_\_\_\_\_ something to get Billy for Christmas.
17. She still grieves \_\_\_\_\_ the loss of her dad.
18. Submerge the duck \_\_\_\_\_ ice water before picking off the feathers.

### **Practice Speaking:**

Do you drive in the U.S.? Was it hard to get a driver's license? Did you have a driver's license in your home country? Does driving on the freeway scare you? Do you mind driving in heavy traffic?

Did you have a hard time finding a place to live when you first came to the U.S.? Are you happy with your current residence? Are there things you'd like to change about it?

What parks have you visited in the U.S.? What other cities have you visited? Which was your favorite?

What is an important life lesson you have learned?

Besides English, what are you currently learning?

Do you like to play games? What are your favorite games? What games do you play with your kids?

How do you practice your English? Is it easier to learn English when you are living in the U.S.?