

FUMCESL 12-1-2022 High Intermediate and Advanced Lesson

Introduce yourself. Tell where you are from and where you live now. Tell something you have in your closet.

Students read the paragraphs. After you read it, tell what it said in your own words. Talk about what you think the underlined vocabulary means. Then tell if the statements are true or false.

I feel overwhelmed with all the work I do as the mother of a family. I'm a cook, a driver and a maid all rolled into one. I'm exhausted but there is only one thing I can do; roll up my sleeves and get to work.

Which statements are true:

1. This woman feels like it's easy being a mother.
2. This woman works as a cook.
3. This woman is very tired.
4. She intends to sit down and rest for a while.
5. This woman would probably volunteer to take care of more children.

First we smelled something. Then we could see the smoke filtering into the room from under the door . After a minute, we began to feel the heat. Someone yelled, "Fire!" Panic surged through the crowd. How could we escape? Someone shouted, "Get down and crawl. The smoke is up high. Get low so you're below it." No one paid attention. People sprinted toward the fire exits. They were pushing and shoving. Small children were knocked down. It was chaos.

Which statements are true?

1. There was a hurricane.
2. They were in a place with lots of people.
3. It was smoky.
4. The crowd didn't panic.
5. Everyone crawled towards the exits.
6. The crowd didn't worry about hurting others in the dash to the exits.
7. It was an orderly exit.
8. People can be expected to stay calm when they are in a burning building.

Jan was talking about preparing Thanksgiving dinner. She had invited the whole family to her house. But apparently, they never volunteer to help her cook when she invites them. A note of resentment crept into her voice as she talked about all the cooking she would have to do.

Which statements are true?

1. Jan invited friends for Christmas dinner.
2. Jan did not have any family.
3. Jan's family was very helpful.
4. Jan didn't mind doing all the cooking.
5. Though she loved her family, she wished they would help with the cooking.
6. Jan will probably quit inviting her family to dinner.

Candi asked Bill to cover for her while she was at lunch. She explained how to answer the phone and how to transfer the calls to the appropriate person. Bill was a little nervous because he had never worked the phone system before. Unfortunately, he created a mess. He transferred calls to the wrong people and he hung up on an important client. By the time Candi got back, the office was in an uproar.

Which statements are true?

1. Candi asked Bill to cover her up.
2. Candi told Bill how to do her job.
3. Bill felt confident he could do the job.
4. Bill did a lousy job.
5. Bill hung up on a client.
6. The people in the office were happy with Bill's work.
7. Everyone was glad to see Candi return.
8. Candi will probably not ask Bill to cover for her next time.

I made a big mistake at work. My boss is not the type to dot his i's and cross his t's. He is always giving me orders with mistakes in them. Last week he gave me an order from a customer for 1,000 reams of copy paper. I sent it out, but the customer called irate. He said he ordered 100 reams, not 1,000. He was furious because he didn't have storage space for so much paper. He demanded we come pick it up immediately. I told my boss that I couldn't keep the customers happy if he kept giving me inaccurate information on the orders. I told him it was his responsibility to get the orders right. My boss threatened to fire me if I didn't keep quiet about this. I decided to go over his head and tell the company president about all the orders my boss messed up. That proved to be a big mistake. The president told my boss what I had said, and my boss fired me. I learned you don't cross the boss.

Which statements are true?

1. The employee got mad at his boss because of wrong information on the orders.
2. The boss is very careful with his order information.
3. A customer was really mad because he didn't receive enough paper.
4. The customer couldn't store many reams of paper.
5. The customer wanted the extra paper picked up.
6. The boss appreciated the employee's advice about accurate information.
7. The employee told the president about his boss.
8. The president fired his boss.
9. The employee learned not to betray his boss by going over his head.

Joe: Please cross me off your volunteer list. I simply don't have time to do volunteer work. I'm working 80 hours a week at my job. I'd love to volunteer feeding the homeless, but I can't do my job and do volunteer work both. I have a large family to feed, so my job has to take precedence. When I retire, I'll have more time. I'd love to do volunteer work then.

Which statements are true?

1. Joe wanted his name deleted from the list.
2. Joe doesn't have time to volunteer.
3. He's not interested in helping the homeless.
4. Joe is working a lot of hours every week.
5. Joe doesn't have any kids.

6. Joe thinks his job is more important than volunteering.
7. Joe is concerned about feeding his family.
8. Joe will probably volunteer after he retires.

Sara says: Leslie speaks a mile a minute. I can't keep up with what she is saying. Yesterday she was telling me all about her father who is deceased. Apparently they didn't get along because she was quite ruthless in her criticism of him. I was taught you don't speak ill of the dead, so it made me uncomfortable. It speaks volumes about Leslie that she would be so disrespectful of a man who is no longer living. Oh, speak of the devil, here comes Leslie now.

Which statements are true?

1. Leslie speaks slowly.
2. Sometimes Sara can't follow what Leslie says.
3. Leslie talked about her father who is living with her.
4. Leslie didn't think well of her father.
5. Sara was taught not to say bad things about people who have died.
6. Sara was comfortable with the conversation.
7. Sara thought Leslie's speech showed that she wasn't a good person.
8. Leslie came into the room.

I bought a new bookcase online. I didn't realize it would not come put together. I had a devil of a time figuring out how the pieces all fit together. And I found I didn't own the right tools. I wanted to throw all the pieces into the box and send it back, but I couldn't make them fit. Finally, my husband came home and offered to help. But by then, I was determined I would do it myself. I was too proud to give up the fight. After several hours, I finally got it assembled. But believe you me, that's the last time I'll order furniture online.

Which statements are true?

1. She bought furniture online.
2. She thought the furniture would be assembled.
3. It was easy to put it together.
4. She had the tools she needed.
5. She was tempted to send it back.
6. She asked her husband to help her.
7. She gave up the project and let her husband do it.
8. She got it assembled in minutes.
9. She will probably order furniture online again.