

FUMC ESL 12-5-2022 High Beginning and Low Intermediate Lesson

Introduce yourself. Tell where you are from and where you live now. Are you usually early or usually late.

GRAMMAR: Sentence Pattern: Adjective + Preposition + Gerund

Examples: I am **interested in learning** English. Read these sentence. Tell which word is the adjective, which is the preposition and which is the gerund. Then make your own sentence with the adjective + preposition + gerund

1. I am **scared of walking** alone at night.
2. Mother is **good at sewing**.
3. We are **excited about moving** to New York.
4. I am **tired of listening** to this song.
5. My sister is **happy about getting** married.
6. I am **proud of finishing** my college degree.
7. Mother said she is **sorry for losing** her temper.
8. I feel **bad about yelling** at the kids.
9. We were **tired of waiting** on them.
10. Pat was **angry about losing** his cell phone.

Notice that with this sentence pattern, you cannot use an infinitive in place of the gerund. Listen to these sentences below.

I am **scared of to walk** alone at night. To walk is an infinitive
My sister is **happy about to get** married. To get is an infinitive
We are excited **about to move** to New York. To move is an infinitive
I am **tired of to listen** to this song. To listen is an infinitive.

These sound very wrong. That's because you cannot follow an adjective + preposition with an infinitive. It must be followed by a gerund.

You can have an infinitive after some adjectives if there is no preposition. Read these examples. I am **happy to see** you. I'm **proud to be** her mother. I am too **tired to exercise** tonight. I am **sorry to hear** you can't come.

Adjectives That Describe People

afraid, quiet, fun-loving, serious, weak, brave, late, nice, polite, mean, rude, loud, early, strong, kind

Read these paragraphs and think of adjectives that describe these people. You can use the adjectives above or think of some other adjectives.

Sara doesn't talk much. She doesn't laugh much, either. She doesn't like to tell jokes. She likes to read books about science and study her lessons. Sara hates to be in a loud place. What adjectives describe Sara?

Ella doesn't spend much time studying. She likes to go to parties. She likes meeting new people. She likes adventure. She rides her mountain bike in the hills outside of town. She runs in the park. Ella loves to ride roller coasters. What adjectives describe Ella?

Are you more like Ella or Sara?

Jim does not like to go outside. He is afraid of dogs. He is afraid of bad weather. He is afraid he will get hurt. He does not take chances. He stays at home where he will be safe. What adjective describes Jim?

Do "scared" and "afraid" mean the same?
What things are you afraid of?

Bob saw a child fall in the river. He didn't think twice. He ran to the river and jumped in. The water was deep and fast. It was very cold and dangerous, but Bob was not afraid. Bob swam to the child helped him get to the shore. He wrapped the child in a towel so he wouldn't be too cold. What adjectives describe Bob?

What does it mean to "think twice"?

Mary is a teacher. She teaches first grade. She loves the children. She helps the children learn to read. She teaches them to be polite to each other. She gives them hugs when they come to class each day. The children love Mary. What adjectives describe Mary?

Talk about a nice teacher you had in school.

Alice is an older woman. She has never been married. She does not have children. She does not like people. She does not want children playing in her yard. She shouts at people who come in her yard. She doesn't speak to her neighbors. When a neighbor brought Alice some cookies, Alice yelled, "Go Away!". What adjectives describe Alice?

Do you know anyone like Alice?

Kit loves to play his music loud. His neighbor complains. His neighbor says, "Kit, please turn down your music. It hurts my ears." Kit refuses to turn the music down. He tells his neighbor to "mind your own business". What adjectives describe Kit?

How do you feel about loud music?

Does the neighbor have a right to complain?

If your neighbor was playing very loud music, would you ask him to turn it down?

Cultures are different. In some cultures, pointing at someone is rude. In other cultures it isn't. I'm preparing to go to your country. I need to know how to be polite. Tell me which things are OK in your culture. Tell which things I shouldn't do in your country. (Teachers, after the students have discussed each item, ask them if there are other things I should know about before visiting.)

1. talking on a cell phone in public
2. talking on a cell phone in a movie
3. wearing short shorts in a nice restaurant
4. letting kids in a restaurant get out of their chairs and run around
5. offering candy to children you don't know
6. speaking to people you don't know
7. calling an older person by their first name
8. children calling a teacher by her first name
9. hugging someone you don't know well
10. eating in public
11. not finishing your food when you are a guest
12. smoking in a restaurant
13. standing too close to someone
14. arriving very early when you are invited to someone's home for dinner
15. arriving very late when you are invited to someone's home for dinner
16. not wearing a head covering in public
17. holding hands with someone of the opposite sex.
18. kissing someone on the cheek when you greet them