

FUMCESL 12-5-2022 High Intermediate and Advanced Lesson

Introduce yourself. Tell where you are from and where you live now. Name something you do to save time.

Students, **read** each story and **explain** the meaning of the underlined phrases. Then answer the questions.

(Teachers, it is a good idea to have them read these stories or conversations twice. Or let them read it, then you read it. Please remember to speak slowly and succinctly. Please remember to give them plenty of time to answer a question. They may need to think about it a bit before answering. Let them try to figure out the underlined words or phrases, even if they struggle a bit. If they can't answer, ask if any other student knows the answer. Only then should you offer an answer. To see if they understand the meaning ask them to make a sentence with the underlined phrase.)

**Pam:** Where have you been? I haven't seen you for days.

**Susan:** We've been out of town. We have a beach house on the coast. We have the time of our lives there.

**Pam:** That sounds wonderful. Do you go there every weekend.

**Susan:** No, we go every other weekend in the summer, but hardly at all in the winter.

**Pam:** Sometime, when you are going, I'd love to go with you.

**Susan:** It's nothing special. It's not a flashy place. The walls are plywood and the plumbing is primitive. I'm not sure you'd enjoy it. My husband loves to fish. It's his fishing cabin. It's not really a place guests would enjoy.

1. Does Susan enjoy the beach house?
2. How often does Susan go to the beach house?
3. How does Susan describe the house?
4. Do you think Susan is embarrassed about her beach house?
5. There is a difference between a beach house and a fishing cabin. Why do you think Susan first said she had a beach house, then changed to a fishing cabin?
6. Do you think Susan doesn't want Pam to visit their beach house?
7. Do many people have second homes in your country? Where are those homes usually located?
8. Do you have a place where you have the time of your life?
9. If you had a second home, where would it be?

When Brad got home, there was no sign of his wife. Her car was not in the garage. He called her cell phone. She didn't answer, so he left a message. "Hi, honey. I just called to say, I love you, and I'm sorry about the argument last night. You're right. I do ignore you sometimes. I'll try to do better. Maybe we could go to dinner tonight, just the two of us. I'll make reservations at La Mansion. See you later."

As he hung up the phone, he noticed an envelope on the counter. He opened it and found this note.

*Brad: By the time you read this, I'll be gone. After our argument last night, I've decided that, for the time being, we should live apart. So I'm headed to our mountain house where I can be alone and think. For now, I think it's best if you don't try to contact me. Time after time I have begged you to make time for me. But your life is just too busy to pay attention to me. At times, I wonder if you ever think of me at all. As time goes by, we drift farther and farther apart. It's time for a change. I am lonely and sad. I'm not getting any younger. I want to spend my last years with someone who truly loves me. At this time of life, feeling loved is all that matters to me.*

1. What did Brad's phone message tell you about Brad's feelings?
2. How do you think Brad feels after reading this note?
3. Do you think Brad's marriage is over?
4. Do you think Brad is willing to change and be more loving to his wife?
5. Do you think Brad's wife did the right thing by leaving her home?
6. Do you think absence will make her heart grow fonder?
7. What does Brad's wife think is the most important thing at her time of life?
8. Which advice would you give Brad:
  - a-Follow your wife to the mountains and make up with her.
  - b-Honor your wife's request and don't contact her until she is ready.

Sara and Mary were college roommates. Now they are in their forties and raising teenage girls. They love to get together over coffee and talk about the good times they had in college. Sara said, "We had the time of our lives. We didn't have to go to a job. We had no kids to care for and worry about. We were free to enjoy life." Mary agreed. She said, "I'd like to turn back the hands of time. It would be great to go back to our college days."

1. What does it mean to, "get together over coffee?"
2. Why were their college days the time of their lives?
3. When was the time of your life?
4. Would you like to turn back the hands of time? What time would you go back to?

### **Review: Using Much and Many With Nouns.**

We use MUCH with non-count nouns. EX: I don't have **much** money. We use MANY with count nouns. EX: I don't have **many** quarters. We know a noun is a count noun if it has a plural form. EX: The plural of sock is socks, so it is a count noun. We say, "many socks". Where we get confused is with irregular plurals. For example, the plural of woman is not womans, but women. It is an irregular plural. So do we say many women or much women? The answer is: "many women" because women is a countable noun. It doesn't end in S, but we can count the women.

In the sentences below, put **much** or **many** in the blank. Be careful with the irregular plurals.

1. How \_\_\_\_\_ computers are in the language lab?
2. How \_\_\_\_\_ equipment is in the language lab?
3. How \_\_\_\_\_ children are in the English class.
4. How \_\_\_\_\_ teeth does the baby have?
5. We have visited \_\_\_\_\_ countries.
6. I don't know \_\_\_\_\_ American slang.
7. How \_\_\_\_\_ movies do you watch in a week?
8. There is too \_\_\_\_\_ moisture in the air. It makes my hair frizzy.
9. I didn't know \_\_\_\_\_ grammar until I took the English course.
10. There was so \_\_\_\_\_ smog in Los Angeles that you couldn't see the hills.
11. \_\_\_\_\_ people don't read the news.
12. I haven't made \_\_\_\_\_ progress on my report.
13. I saw \_\_\_\_\_ mice in the attic.
14. \_\_\_\_\_ men wear their hair long.
15. \_\_\_\_\_ geese flew over the house.
16. There isn't \_\_\_\_\_ grass in the yard because the goats eat it.
17. There were \_\_\_\_\_ deer in the field.
18. She cooked \_\_\_\_\_ shrimp.
19. \_\_\_\_\_ lives were saved by the brave fireman.
20. \_\_\_\_\_ pairs of scissors are in the children's art box.