

FUMC ESL 1-12-2023 High Beginning and Low Intermediate Lesson

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

We learned about using SOME and ANY with count and non-count nouns. Now let's learn about LITTLE and FEW.

Little and Few

We use little with non-count nouns (little money, little sauce, little rice) and few with count nouns (few chickens, few apples, few tickets).

NOTE: "A few" means several. EX: There are a few tickets left. "Few" means not very many. EX: Few cats will eat rotten meat.

Few has a more **negative** sense. A Few has a more **positive** sense. Example-Few horses were in the pasture. A few horses were in the pasture. The first sentence makes you feel that there were not very many horses at all in the pasture. The second sentence makes you feel there were some.

The same is true of "little" and "a little".

Use "a few" or "a little"

1. We picked _____ peaches from her trees.
2. Please buy _____ milk when you go to the store.
3. I like _____ sugar in my coffee.
4. May I have _____ minutes of your time.
5. Add _____ flour to the stew.
6. We had _____ furniture in the living room.
7. I give _____ meat to my dogs.
8. There was _____ blood on his hand.
9. She has _____ skirts that still fit her.
10. Please put _____ ice in my drink.

Make a sentence with FEW or A FEW.

Make a sentence with LITTLE or A LITTLE.

Pronunciation: Silent Letters

All of these words have a silent letter. Say the word and tell which letter is silent.

hour	know	ghost	often	buffet	foreign
knife	whistle	comb	light	write	guilt
who	laugh	guest	rhyme	plumber	honest

Practice Speaking: Talk with your group about these subjects.

1. Some things I like to shop for:
2. Some foods I will not eat:
3. Some gifts I always like to receive:
4. Some movie stars I love to watch:
5. Some kinds of music I like to listen to:
6. Do you have any relatives living with you?
7. Do you have any problems right now?

Read these paragraphs and answer the questions. Tell the meaning of the words or phrases in bold.

A Curious Neighbor

My neighbor is very **curious** about us. She introduced herself when we moved in. She asked us a lot of questions. She asked where we were from. She asked if we were married. She asked what kind of work we do. She asked us what jobs we had. She asked us where we bought our furniture. I was tired of answering her questions. I told her we had to go now. She said, "Where are you going?"

I thought she was friendly at first. But has not stopped asking questions. I think she is **nosy**. She **puts her nose in our business**. Every time I go outside, she comes into my yard. She starts asking me questions. I don't know what to do. I don't want to be **rude**. But I want her to **mind her own business**.

1. **When did the neighbor introduce herself?**
2. **What questions did the neighbor ask?**
3. **At first, she thought the neighbor was _____.** But now she thinks **the neighbor is just _____.**
4. **Do you have any nosy neighbors?**
5. **What should you do about a very nosy neighbor?**

Generous Parents

My parents are very **generous**. When I finished college, they bought me a car. When I got married, they gave us money to buy a house. We have three children now. My parents are giving us money for their college. I am so **thankful** I have generous parents who want to help my family. It makes our life so much easier.

But now I worry about my parents. They are getting old. They are having health problems. I think they will need to pay someone to care for them when I can't be there. I am worried

they have spent all their money on my family. I will tell my parents they can live with us. They don't need to worry about money when they are old. We will care for them.

1. **What things did her parents pay for?**
2. **She feels _____ for her parents generosity.**
3. **Why is she worried about her parents?**
4. **What will her parents need now that they are old?**
5. **Why won't her parents need money when they are old?**
6. **Do you think she is "paying back" her parents?**
7. **Who has done something for you that was generous?**

Charlie Talks About His Roommate

My roommate is very **tidy**. He always washes the dishes right after he eats. He sweeps the kitchen floor every day. He puts away his clothes. His desk is very neat. He keeps his pens and paper in a drawer. He keeps his books on the bookshelf. I have never lived with someone who is tidy.

I am not a neat person. I usually leave the dishes in the sink for a few days. I don't ever sweep the floors. I just throw my clothes on the floor after I take them off. My desk is a mess. My roommate says I am a **slob**. I think he is right. My roommate said he doesn't care what my room looks like. But he doesn't want the living room and kitchen to be messy. He asked me to rinse the dishes and put them in the dishwasher. He asked me to sweep the floor when it is dirty. I will do what my roommate asked because he is such a nice guy. I will try to keep the living room and kitchen neat. But I will not worry about what my bedroom looks like. I will still throw my clothes on the floor. My desk will still be a mess. I will keep my bedroom door closed so my roommate doesn't see the mess. My roommate is a really nice guy. I want to keep him happy. So I will **compromise**.

1. **What kinds of things does Charlie's roommate do?**
2. **Charlie is a slob. His roommate is tidy and neat. What does Charlie's roommate ask him to do?**
3. **What does Charlie agree to do?**
4. **Why will Charlie close the door to his bedroom?**
5. **Why is Charlie willing to compromise?**
6. **Are you more like Charlie or Charlie's roommate?**
7. **Would you agree to live with someone who wasn't neat and tidy?**