

FUMC ESL 1-26-2023 High Intermediate and Advanced Lesson

Introduce yourself. Tell where you are from and where you live now. Complete this sentence: I rejoiced when .....

**Grammar:** More prepositions-----Put a preposition in the blank.

1. Did he ever respond \_\_\_\_\_ the letter you wrote?
2. You must comply \_\_\_\_\_ the agreement you signed.
3. Try not to dwell \_\_\_\_\_ your problems.
4. She is putting a lot of pressure \_\_\_\_\_ her husband to get a better job.
5. They rejoiced \_\_\_\_\_ the news that she was pregnant.
6. I subscribe \_\_\_\_\_ several news magazines.
7. The children cried \_\_\_\_\_ delight when they saw the birthday cake.
8. He resigned \_\_\_\_\_ disgrace after being caught stealing.
9. I told you that \_\_\_\_\_ confidence. You shouldn't have shared that information.
10. The woman was clearly \_\_\_\_\_ pain.

**Practice Speaking:**

1-Where did you go to high school? Was your high school very competitive? How many hours did you spend on homework each night?

2-Did you make any friends in high school that you still keep in touch with? Did you have a large group of friends or just one or two that you were very close to?

3-When you graduated from high school, did you know what career you wanted to prepare for? What did your high school do to acquaint you with different career fields?

4-Did your parents want you to follow them in their career choice. For example, doctors who want their children to also become doctors?

5-What is the most prestigious career you can choose in your country?

6-Are teachers and professors well respected and well paid in your country?

7-Are colleges and universities free in your country? In the U.S. a college education is expensive. Do you think college should be free?

**Vocabulary: Use these words to fill in the blanks in the sentences below.**

disgrace	comply	confidence	dwell	respond	pressures
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1. \_\_\_\_\_ means to reply or answer.
2. If you \_\_\_\_\_, you follow the law or rules.
3. If you tell someone a secret that you don't want them to share, you tell them in \_\_\_\_\_.
4. If you \_\_\_\_\_ on something, you continue to think or worry about it.

5. Another word for \_\_\_\_\_ is dishonor.
6. If someone \_\_\_\_\_ you they try to force you to do something.

**Kim:** I just spoke to my father. He hinted at the possibility of moving to the U.S.

**Dan:** Really! He is leaving South Korea? That's a surprise. He has so many relatives and friends there.

**Kim:** Yes, but both my sister and I live here now. He loves his grandkids. If he wants to see them, he has to travel a long way. And flights to the U.S. from South Korea are so expensive now.

**Dan:** I suppose that makes sense. I know he loves his children and grandchildren.

1. What is the difference between saying something directly and hinting at something?
2. Why is Dan surprised that Kim's father would consider leaving S. Korea?
3. What reason does Kim's father have for moving?
4. Do your parents live with you?
5. How often do you travel to see your parents? How often do they travel to see you?

**Sam:** I am a manager. I manage a convenience store. I work hard. I only manage to get off one day a week. I'm responsible for ordering supplies and hiring cashiers. I work long hours, but I feel fortunate to have a job at all. Many of my friends are looking for jobs.

**Teresa:** I can't find a job. Fortunately, my parents have been very supportive. They let me live with them rent free. I'd like to be able to make it on my own, but I must find a job first.

1. Sam uses "manage" to mean supervises. Then he uses "manage" to mean to arrange. Re-read the first three sentences and explain what Sam is saying.
2. Why is Sam fortunate?
3. Why is Teresa fortunate?
4. What does "make it on my own" mean? How old were you before you could make it on your own?

**Cindy:** I'm going to ask Mr. Smith for a job as a waitress in his restaurant. He knows my dad. I'm sure he'll offer me the job.

**Susan:** He might. But you should know that Mr. Smith owns the restaurant, but Mrs. Smith is the power behind the throne. He doesn't make a move without checking with her first.

**Cindy:** Are you throwing cold water on my job plans?

**Susan:** No. Go ahead and ask for the job. But you might want to butter up Mrs. Smith if you want to improve your chances.

1. Why does Susan think Mr. Smith might not give Cindy a job?
2. In my home, my mother was the power behind the throne. Dad thought he was in charge, but Mom usually got her way. Is that the way it worked in your family? Who was the power behind the throne?
3. What does Cindy mean by, "Are you throwing cold water on my job plans?"
4. How could Cindy "butter up" Mrs. Smith?

**Sara:** Hey, let's have lunch tomorrow. I want to run something by you.

**Gina:** Sorry, I can't meet tomorrow. We've got a rush on at work and I can't go to lunch away from the office. I brought a sandwich to eat.

**Sara:** But you're the boss. Surely you could take off. You could leave your underlings to take care of the rush.

**Gina:** If I leave for lunch when we are very busy, that sets a bad precedent and others will think they can too.

**Sara:** But I'm thinking about buying a house. I looked at it yesterday and it's perfect for me. I wanted your opinion before I signed on the dotted line.

**Gina:** Can't you wait til next week. Things will have calmed down by then.

**Sara:** I'm afraid it'll slip through my fingers if I don't sign the contract right away.

**Gina:** All right. I'll try to sneak away for a few minutes later this afternoon. I can run by the house and take a quick look. But I can't spare more than a few minutes.

1. What is meant by "run something by you"?
2. What is an underling?
3. Give an example of "setting a precedent".
4. What does Sara want Gina to do?
5. What is Sara afraid will happen if she doesn't sign right away?
6. What will Gina do to help Sara?