

FUMC ESL 1-26-2023 High Beginning and Low Intermediate Lesson

Introduce yourself. Tell where you are from and where you live now. Talk about something you plan to do this week.

Reflexive Pronouns: myself, yourself, himself, herself, itself, ourselves, yourselves, themselves

Examples: I hurt **myself**. You hurt **yourself**, He hurt **himself**. She hurt **herself**. We hurt **ourselves**. Did you hurt **yourselves**? They hurt **themselves**.

We use reflexive pronouns when the subject and the object are the same person.

Ex: I blame **myself**. I is the same person as myself.

Jules rewarded **herself** for making all A's. Julie and herself are the same person.

Reflexive pronouns are NEVER used as the subject of the sentence. For example, we would never say, Jim and myself went to a movie. The sentence should read, "Jim and I went to a movie."

Sometimes the subject of the sentence is not written. It is understood. For example: The food is on the table. **Help yourself**. (You is the understood subject.) Do it by yourselves. (You is the understood subject.)

If we are referring to more than one person we use the plural "selves" ending. EX: We finished the project **ourselves**. (Meaning all of us together without any other persons help.)

These sentences use the wrong pronoun. Correct the pronoun that is wrong.

1. Jan and myself went to the movie.
2. I asked Jim and herself to go with me.
3. We wanted themselves to go with us.
4. Emma and himself attended the English class.
5. I blame me for the mistake.
6. They bought himself a Coke.
7. Jim and myself are working tomorrow.
8. This letter is for yourself.

Put a correct reflexive pronoun in these sentences.

1. I wrote a story about _____.
2. The lion can defend _____.
3. My sister always talks to _____.
4. Did the dog hurt _____ when he jumped over the fence?
5. Be careful! You might burn _____.
6. They are taking pictures of _____.
7. We can paint the house _____.

Using OTHER, THE OTHER or ANOTHER

Read this paragraph.

Some spring days are rainy. **Others** are full of sunshine. **The other** day, it was sunny, so I went to the park. I saw a blue heron. I took a picture, but the heron was too far away. I ran closer and took **another**.

Other, the other and **another** are used to talk about a person or thing that is additional or different. We use OTHER with non-count nouns or plural nouns. EX: Do you have **other luggage** to check? Luggage is non-count. EX: Do you have **other bags** to check? Bags is a plural noun.

If we use OTHER with one or ones, we have to add another determiner. EX: These red blouses are OK, but I prefer **the other ones**.

Another is always used with singular nouns. EX: This coffee was good. I'll have another cup.
OR Would you like another one?

Read the examples and choose the correct word or phrase.

1. All the seats are filled. You can try (the other / other) side of the theatre.
2. This dress is not formal enough for the wedding. Do you have (another / the other) one you could wear?
3. These are the wrong keys. Where are (others / the others)?
4. My computer is too old. I should buy (other / another) one.
5. This is my sister. She's not my only sister. I have (another / other) sisters who live in Florida.
6. This chair is broken. Are their (another / others) like it?
7. May I have _____ piece of cake, please?
8. Do you have any _____ flavors of ice cream?
9. Some people hate cold weather and _____ like it.
10. These pants have a rip in the seam. Do you have any _____ pants you could wear?

Pronouncing the Silent H

H is always silent in the words honor, hour, honest, heir

H is also silent in the words ghost, rhyme and rhythm.

H is usually silent after EX, as in exhausting.

If the beginning H in a word is silent, we treat the word as if it starts with the vowel and use AN instead of A. EX: It is **an honor** to meet you. We have **an hour** before lunch. He's **an honest man**.

But when we pronounce the H, we use A. not AN. So we say: I will stay in **a hotel**. She is **renting a house**. There is **a history** book on the shelf.

An Angel in Disguise, Part One



In a small farming community far from any city, a woman lived a hard life. She came from a family of thieves and she had learned to steal as easily as they did. She also learned to drink. The older she got the more she drank. She never married but had three children by different men. None of the men stayed around to support the kids. As the woman stayed drunk more and more, the children got skinnier and weaker and dirtier. Finally, after a life of evil, the woman died. When the sheriff came to her house, he saw her three dirty, hungry children sitting on the floor. What on Earth could be done for those children. No one was going to want the children of such a horrible mother.

But he talked to some of the local farmers. One of them said he could use some help on his farm and agreed to take in the ten year old boy. Another said his wife could use some help in the kitchen and took in the nine year old girl. Now there was just one child left. But she was only four. She was too young to work and badly needed someone to take care of her. Her clothes were filthy and filled with lice. Her hair was dirty and matted on her head. None of the farmers were wealthy. None of them needed an extra burden added to their lives.

The sheriff begged someone to take her, but no one agreed. Finally the sheriff turned to Marcus. Marcus was a farmer that lived on the outskirts of the community. Marcus' wife was bad-tempered, so they didn't have much to do with anyone else. Marcus and his wife had hoped for children for years, but none came. The sheriff said, "Marcus, the orphanage is only a few miles past your place. Would you take the little girl there?"

Marcus hesitated, but finally shook his head. Marcus wasn't happy about taking her to an orphanage. The orphanage was a miserable place. The little girl would be teased and picked

on by the kids and treated roughly by the matrons. Marcus felt bad for the little girl, but there was nothing to be done. He knew his bad-tempered wife would not be happy about him appearing with the little urchin, but he couldn't leave the poor thing here. Marcus picked up the tiny child and wrapped his coat around her for warmth.