

## **FUMC ESL 2-13-2023 High Beginning and Low Intermediate**

Introduce yourself. Tell where you are from and where you live now.

Tomorrow is Valentine's Day. It is a special day for the people you love. People buy cards or small gifts for their sweethearts.

### **Practice Speaking:**

1-Do you celebrate Valentine's Day in your country?

2-Have you found, "the love of your life"? What do you love about your partner the most?

3-Describe the perfect Valentine's Day date.

4-Is it OK to get married again after the death of your spouse? Would you consider re-marriage if your spouse died? Would you approve of your mother or father re-marrying?

5-A "blind date" is a date with someone you have never met. Sometimes your friend arranges a meeting because they know someone you might like to meet. Have you ever been on a blind date? Have you ever arranged a blind date?

6-Did you live with your parents after you were married? Will your parents move in with you when they are old?

7-Do you think international marriages work? (when people from two different countries marry)

8-Would you marry someone with a different religion?

9-Which of these Valentine gifts would you prefer: candy, red roses, pink teddy bear, your sweetheart preparing a special meal, jewelry, money

10-When I was in college in the 1960's, we were not allowed to kiss our boyfriends in public. Our dorm mother would watch to make sure we weren't kissing. But there were some bushes in front of my dorm. When we came home from a date, we would hide behind the bushes and kiss. In your country, are people comfortable with kissing in public?

### **Easy Stories Plus, Lesson 4 A Good Cook**

Marcel Dupont is a good cook. Everyone loves his food. He works in a French restaurant. The restaurant is called Les Fleurs. This is a French name that means "The Flowers".

Today Marcel is making soup in the kitchen. He puts butter, onion, carrots, and celery in a big pot. Then he adds potatoes, chicken, water, and pepper. He cooks the soup for two hours. It smells wonderful.

Pierre is a dishwasher. He works at the restaurant too. Marcel hears Pierre washing pots and pans at the sink. After a few minutes, he sees Pierre putting away the pots and pans.

"Taste this soup, Pierre," says Marcel. "It is fantastic!" Pierre tastes the soup. He doesn't speak for a moment. Then Pierre says, "It's OK, but it needs salt." Marcel is angry with Pierre. He says, "I am a chef. You are a dishwasher. You don't know how to make soup."

"OK," says Pierre. "But I know how to taste soup. And I know your soup needs salt."

**Tell if these sentences are True or False.**

1-Marcel Dupont is a dishwasher.

2-Les Fleurs is a Japanese restaurant.

3-Today Marcel is making soup.

4-Marcel adds potatoes, beef, water, and salt.

5-Marcel cooks the soup for two days.

6-Pierre helps Marcel cook the soup.

7-Pierre says the soup is perfect. It doesn't need anything.

8-Marcel is angry with Pierre.

9-Marcel says he doesn't know how to make soup, but he knows how to taste soup.

**DISCUSS**

- (a) People add spices to food to make it taste better. Salt and pepper are spices. What other spices do you use in your kitchen?
- (b) Do you cook soup often? What is your favorite soup to cook? What ingredients do you put in your soup?
- (c) Do you like to cook? Would you like to work in a restaurant?
- (d) Do you ever ask other people to taste your food to see if it is good?

**Stories Plus, Lesson 6 A Chef's Secrets**

Marcel Dupont is a chef. He works in a French restaurant downtown. The name of the restaurant is Les Fleurs. Marcel makes excellent food. He loves being a chef.

Marcel and his staff prepare many different foods every day. Marcel cooks delicious chicken, beef, fish, and soups. His staff makes salads and vegetables. They also bake bread and make wonderful desserts.

Les Fleurs is very busy. It is expensive. Dinner for one person costs between \$45 and \$65. But the customers love Marcel's food. Some people ask Marcel for his recipes, but he doesn't tell them. All his recipes are secret.

There is only one person in the restaurant who is not happy with Marcel. That is Pierre, the dishwasher. When Marcel cooks, there is always a big mess in the kitchen. Dirty pots, pans, dishes, spoons, and knives are everywhere.

Pierre doesn't like cleaning up after Marcel. He doesn't like standing over the sink and washing a lot of dishes. Pierre wants to be a chef too.

1. What is Marcel's occupation?
2. Where does he work?
3. Is the restaurant expensive?
4. Does Marcel tell his customers the recipes for the food he prepares?
5. Why is Pierre not happy with Marcel?
6. What does Pierre want?

### **DISCUSS**

- a) Do you have any secret recipes?
- b) Did your mother pass down recipes to you?
- c) Does your spouse like your cooking as well as his/her mother's?

**Read these conversations and answer the questions. Read the conversation twice, switching roles.**

### **At Home**

**Jill:** I would like to eat out tonight. Let's go to the new Mexican restaurant.

**Sam:** That sounds good. I will call and make a reservation. What time do you want to eat?

**Jill:** I would like to eat at seven o'clock.

**Sam:** Perfect. I'll reserve a table for two at seven o'clock

### **On the phone**

**Jan:** Hello. This is Cafe Carlotta. How may I help you?

**Sam:** I would like to reserve a table for two at seven PM.

**Jan:** OK. What is the name for the reservation?

**Sam:** Jackson. Sam Jackson.

**Jan:** Thank you. We'll see you tonight.

### **At the restaurant**

**Jan:** This restaurant is really nice. I like the colorful paintings on the wall.

**Sam:** Yes. And there are lots of good smells coming from the kitchen.

**Jan:** You must be hungry, Sam!

**Sam:** I am looking at the menu. There are many dishes that look delicious. I think I will have enchiladas verde.

**Jan:** I will have beef fajitas.

**Which statements are true?**

1. Jill wants to stay home and cook.
2. Sam will reserve a table for two at seven o'clock.
3. Sam's last name is Jackson.
4. They like the colorful paintings on the wall.
5. The restaurant smells bad.
6. Sam will have enchiladas and Jan will have soup.