

FUMCESL 2-6-2023 High Intermediate and Advanced Lesson

Introduce yourself. Tell where you are from and where you live now. What are you happy about today?

THE NECKLACE, PART 3

Teachers read the paragraph first, then ask a student to read it. Have the students discuss the words and phrases in bold.

The day of the party arrived. Matilda put on her new dress and Madame Forester's diamond necklace. Matilda was prettier than all the other women at the party. She was **elegant, gracious, smiling, and full of joy**. All the men stared at her, asked her name, tried to be introduced. All the cabinet officials wanted to waltz with her.

Even the Minister of Education thought she was lovely. He asked her to dance. She **danced wildly, with passion, drunk on pleasure, forgetting everything in the triumph of her beauty, in the glory of her success**. She moved in **a cloud of happiness**. All this respect and admiration. It was just what she had dreamed of.

Matilda and her husband left at about four o'clock in the morning. Her husband had been **dozing** since midnight in a little deserted room with three other gentlemen whose wives were having a good time. He wrapped Matilda's old coat around her, as it was quite cold outside. It **contrasted sharply** with the eloquence of her ball gown. The other women were being **draped** in expensive furs. Matilda was embarrassed and ran out into the cold before anyone could notice her **shabby** coat. She didn't want to wait for a cab in her shabby coat so she grabbed her husband's arm and insisted they walk part of the way home. They could catch a cab when they were further away from the other party goers.

It was a long walk. Finally they found a cab and rode the rest of the way. Upon reaching home, Matilda took off her coat in front of the mirror. She took a final look at herself **in her glory**. But suddenly, she uttered a cry. She no longer had the diamond necklace around her neck!

She turned to her husband **panic-stricken**. "I no longer have the necklace."

"What!" exclaimed her husband. "That's impossible!" They searched through the folds of her dress and in her cloak. She turned her pockets inside out. But they couldn't find the necklace.

"Are you sure you still had it on when you left the ball?" he asked. "Yes," Matilda answered. "I remember touching it as you put my coat around my shoulders," she answered.

"It must have fallen off somewhere. I will go out and **re-trace our steps**. Maybe I can find it," said her husband.

He was gone for the rest of the night, returning exhausted at 7 in the morning. He had found nothing. The next day he went to the police, to the newspapers. He advertised a reward for the missing necklace. Finally, in despair, he asked Matilda to write to Madame Forester and explain that they had lost the necklace.

1. Talk about a time when you felt particularly beautiful or handsome.
2. Are you surprised that the evening was such a success?
3. What ruined the evening?

Practice Speaking: Answer these questions about HOME.

1-Do you like the home you have now? Are you **anxious** to move to something nicer? Do you enjoy **spending time** at home? Do you **dread** being “home alone” or is it something you look forward to?

2-Name all of the places you have lived.

3-As a child, did you share a bedroom with siblings? Did you like sharing or did you want your own room? Do your children share rooms? Is it common in your country for every child to have his/her own room?

4-Are you comfortable with a bit of clutter, or do you keep everything spic and span?

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6-Name all of the places you have lived.

7-As a child, did you share a bedroom with **siblings**? Did you like sharing or did you want your own room? Do your children share rooms? Is it common in your country for every child to have his/her own room?

8-Rank these places to live from favorite to least favorite.

a large capital city a small town a seaside town a mountain town
rural area with no towns nearby town on an island

9-Which of these words would describe your ideal home:

modern traditional spacious single story quaint brand new condo
duplex
run down updated

7-How many bedrooms and bathrooms would your ideal home have? Would you include any **half baths**?

Would all of the baths have bathtubs or would some bathrooms just have a shower?

8-Would your **ideal** house have a guest room, or do you think that is a waste of space?

10-Which of the features below are very important to you:

hardwood floors lots of bathrooms ceiling fans stainless steel appliances
a place to garden a big yard lots of light lots of privacy close to downtown
new
open concept big closets affordable a home office

9- Would you ever keep an animal inside your home? Would you allow an animal to sleep on the furniture?

10-If you could change only one thing about your current house, what would it be?

11-Do you like **DIY** (do it yourself) projects? What DIY projects have you done on your house or apartment?

12--Do you have any house rules? (EX: taking shoes off before entering or don't come downstairs in your pajamas)

13-How are houses different in the U.S. from what you experienced in your own country?

14-Do you prefer white walls or walls with lots of color?

16-Do you prefer drapes (aka curtains), blinds or shutters?

17-Do you enjoy having house guests? How often do you have house guests? There is an old saying, "Guests, like fish, begin to stink after three days." Do you agree?

18-Which room do you spend the most time in? Which room would you prefer to spend the most time in?

19--Would you prefer to live on a quiet street far from the city center or near the center where there are many shops and restaurants, even if it was not very quiet?

20-Do you agree with this quote? "Home is a place you grow up wanting to leave, and grow old wanting to get back to."

21-How old were you when you left home? Were you excited to leave your parents home and live alone?