

## FUMC ESL 3-20-2023 High Beginning and Low Intermediate Lesson

**Introduce yourself.** Tell where you are from and where you live now. Talk about your name. Do you like it? Would you like to change it? Why did your parents choose this name for you?

Before spring break, we studied **active** and **passive** sentences. EX: passive: The book was written by a doctor. active: A doctor wrote the book.

Notice you use the preposition BY often in passive sentences. But we use BY in many other ways. We use it to mean "beside". EX: We walked by the lake. OR We walked beside the lake. Her desk is **by** mine. His house is **by** a river.

a- We use BY to talk about the cause of something. EX: The damage was done **by** the storm. The book was read **by** the author.

b- We use BY to talk about the method that was used. EX: We sent a letter **by** mail. She went to Chicago **by** train.

c- We use BY to talk about time or measures. EX: She charges **by** the hour. Gasoline is sold **by** the gallon. Flour is sold **by** the pound.

d- We use BY to mean not later than. EX: Please be home **by** ten o'clock. She will arrive **by** 8 PM.

e- We use BY to talk about numbers. EX: The box measures three feet **by** two feet. They won the game **by** three points. Divide 12 **by** 2.

### We use BY in expressions.

1. by all means = certainly. EX: May I sit next to you? **By all means.** I'd love to have you close.
2. by oneself = alone EX: I like to walk **by myself.** She made the cake **all by herself.**
3. by day or by night = during EX: He works **by night** and sleeps **by day.**
4. by the way = when we tell an unrelated detail. EX: **By the way,** I have to work late tomorrow, so I want be home for dinner.
5. little by little = slowly EX: **Little by little** my grandmother got stronger.
6. one by one = one at a time. EX: The students walked to the stage **one by one** to get their diploma.
7. stand by = wait in hopes of success. EX: **Stand by.** I think we can get you on the plane. It looks like we have one empty seat.
8. stand by = support EX: We will **stand by** you if the police arrest you.
9. drop by = visit without notice EX: My aunt **dropped by** with presents for the children.
10. get by = live, but with difficulty EX: How are you doing since you lost your job? I'm not doing well. We **get by** on the little my wife makes, but we don't have money for anything but rent and food.

## Using Comparative Adjectives in Sentences

He is taller than you. She is prettier than me. I run faster than him. I got up earlier than she did. This test is more difficult than the last one.

Notice you can say, I got up earlier than her. OR. I got up earlier than she did.  
When you add a verb after the pronoun, you use a subject pronoun (I, you, he, she it, we, they).  
If the sentence ends with the pronoun, you use an object pronoun( me, you, him, he)r, it, us, them.

**Add a sentence using THAN. Remember you have to use an object pronoun after than. The first one is done for you.**

1. He isn't very tall. You are taller than him.
2. She isn't very old. Mother is \_\_\_\_\_.
3. I don't work hard. \_\_\_\_\_.
4. We don't know many people. \_\_\_\_\_.
5. They don't get up early. \_\_\_\_\_.
6. He doesn't have much money. \_\_\_\_\_.
7. My camera cost \$500.00. \_\_\_\_\_.
8. Today it isn't very hot. \_\_\_\_\_.

**Read these sentences. Then make a sentence using the words in bold.**

1. Rome is **not as old as** Athens. Athens is older than Rome.
2. I don't play tennis often. You play tennis **more often than me**.
3. I haven't got **as much money as** you. You have **more than me**.
4. The weather today is **the same as** yesterday.
5. Tom is **bigger** than Mother, but **not as big as** Father.
6. Amy is **the same age as** Ted. But Jim is **older** than either of them.
7. Bill is **shorter than** Jan. But Sam is **the shortest of all**.
8. This church is **the oldest** in the city.
9. This is **the worst** movie I have ever seen.
10. Dallas is **the biggest** city in Texas.

**Discuss:**

1. Are you the oldest in the family? If not, who is?
2. Are you the tallest in your family? If not, who is?
3. Name something you are better at than your spouse.
4. Is it better to study English online or in person?

5. Are you happier now or when you were younger?
6. Which is harder, math or English?
7. Does social media make life better or worse?
8. Is it better to marry someone older or younger than you?
9. Which colors look better on you?
10. Which color looks the worst on you?
11. Which is scarier, earthquakes or tornados.
12. Name something you like to do by yourself.
13. Would you ever drop by a friend's house without calling?
14. Finish this sentence. Little by little, I am getting better at.....
15. Do you think an expensive clothing brand has better quality products?
16. Do you prefer ice cream or frozen yogurt?
17. Describe the most difficult decision you have ever made.

### **Famous Americans: George Washington Carver Part One**

George Washington Carver was born in Missouri in the early 1860's as a slave. Toward the end of the Civil War, he and his mother were kidnapped and taken to Arkansas to be sold. George's owner, Moses Carver was a German immigrant. He hired men to find George and his mother. George was found and returned to Moses Carver, but his mother was never found. The Civil War ended and all the slaves were freed. But George was a very young child. He had no family. So his former owner, Moses Carver and his wife, took care of George. He stayed on their farm for about 12 years. Moses Carver's wife taught George to read.

George was a smart boy and wanted more education. He wanted a high school diploma. The local school near the Carver's farm would not let him attend because he was Black. He moved to Kansas and started school there. But one day, Carver saw a white mob kill a Black man. George didn't want to stay there. He moved to another Kansas high school that would accept him and where he felt safe. He got a high school diploma at the age of 20. He supported himself by doing farm labor and working at lots of other jobs.

When George first left the Carver farm he met a woman who offered him a room to stay in while he looked for a school that would accept him. He introduced himself to this woman as Carver's George. That is the way he was known because he "belonged" to Mr. Carver when he was a slave. The woman said, "You are not Carver's George any more. Slavery has ended. You don't belong to anyone. Your name now is George Carver. "

***Discuss:*** *Talk about this story. What do you think about George Carver. What do you think about his former owner, Moses Carver? What problems did George have?*