

FUMC ESL 3-23-2023 High Intermediate and Advanced Lesson

Introduce yourself. Tell where you are from and where you live now. What is your profession?

Read and Discuss

The U.S. Supreme Court **reviews cases** when it believes laws have been passed that are **unconstitutional**. The **first amendment of the constitution** guarantees freedom of speech, the **press, assembly**, right to **petition** and **prohibits** laws which **interfere** with someone's right to practice religion. The first amendment has often been tested in the Supreme Court. For example, the Supreme Court struck down an Alabama law allowing teachers to set aside time for prayer during the school day.

Students may pray at school if they pray to themselves and are not led in **organized prayer**. They may also participate in after school religious clubs where prayer is practiced as long as participation in these clubs is **optional** and it is outside the school day, as in an after school club. But no structured praying is allowed.

a-What does the Supreme Court do?

b-The first amendment guarantees freedom of speech. What other freedoms are guaranteed?

c-The article says the Supreme Court struck down a law. What does that mean?

d-Participation in clubs that pray is optional not organized. Explain the difference.

DISCUSS:

1-Do you agree with this ruling?

2-Why do you think parents were upset about prayer in the school?

3-Would you be upset if you were not a Christian and your children were being led in Christian prayer every day while at school?

4-Is there a law governing practice of religion in schools in your country?

Using Prepositions-Fill in the blank with a preposition. In some sentence there is more than one correct preposition. For example, we can say the children jumped "on" my bed or "in" my bed. They mean different things, but they both make sense in the sentence.

1.The kids jumped _____ my bed at 6 AM and woke me up. They wanted breakfast.

2.We were _____ home all day

3.The children were _____ bed by 9 PM.

4.We were _____ vacation in Mexico.

5.We were _____ a party until late in the evening.

6.I was _____ a cafe on Sixth Street.

7. We were _____ work until late. We were very busy.
8. James and I were born _____ the same day.
9. I'm sorry I didn't call you back. We were _____ a meeting all day.
10. The bells chime every hour _____ the hour.
11. We stayed _____ a hotel because their house was small.
12. We stayed _____ my sister's house for the weekend.
13. We got _____ our flight a little before 9 AM.
14. These flights are seldom _____ time.
15. _____ the beginning, the movie was good. But later it got very violent.
16. _____ Tuesday, I heard from Mother. _____ that time, Dad was feeling much better.
17. We usually go to a restaurant _____ my birthday.
18. If we don't leave now, we won't get there _____ time for the parade.
19. My husband is never _____ time.
20. _____ my hometown, there is only one high school.
21. My husband works _____ construction. He works _____ Austin Roofing Co.
22. Rob plays _____ the Aztecs. He plays _____ the premier league.

Phrasal Verbs

Which "hold" phrase fits these sentences? (hold on, hold back, hold up, hold out, hold in). Explain the meaning of each phrasal verb.

1. Please _____ to my purse while I pick up these packages.
2. The police should _____ the crowd until all the injured are helped.
3. Jim will _____ for a bigger salary because he has four children to support.
4. My husband will always _____ his emotions. He never learned to express how he feels.
5. Did those guys really _____ the bank? They looked like such nice guys.

Which "carry" phrase fits these sentences? (carry on, carry off, carry out, carry over) Explain the meaning of each phrasal verb.

1. The boy helped me _____ the groceries and put them in the car.
2. Stress at work can sometimes _____ into your home life.
3. The garbage truck will _____ your leaves if you put them in bags.
4. They searched our purses then told us to _____ to the attendant who would stamp our train ticket.

Which "check" phrase fits in these sentences? (check in, check out, check off, check back, check up on). Explain the meaning of each phrasal verb.

1. I am getting so many things done today. I will _____ everything on my list before the day is over.

2. We don't have the book you are looking for, but we are expecting it to come in soon.
_____ with us in a few days.
3. I need to run home and _____ my new puppy. I'm afraid he will need to go outside.
4. You should _____ at the front desk and get your official name tag before you go to any of the booths.
5. Oh, _____ these shoes. Aren't they great. They would look great with my new dress.
6. I have all the groceries we will need. As soon as I _____ we can get on our way.

Practice Speaking:

1-If you were invited to someone's house for dinner, would you take a gift? Is this practice the same in your country or different?

2-How important is punctuality in your country compared to the U.S.?

3-Is there gender discrimination in your country? In other words are there some opportunities that are not open to women?

4-Have you ever experienced a natural disaster?

5-Do you think space exploration is a waste of money and time?