

FUMC ESL 4-13-2023 High Intermediate and Advanced Lesson

Introduce yourself. Tell where you are from and where you live now. Tell one thing you did this week.

IDIOMS: Read these paragraphs and **explain the meaning of the underlined idiom.**

1. **Tim:** The best way to reduce crime is to put criminals in jail. If the criminals are in jail, they can't commit more crimes. We should spend less money on building fancy schools and more money building jails.

Jenny: The money we spend on education for children is **a drop in the bucket** compared to the money we spend on putting adults in jail. If we spent more money on education, we wouldn't need so many jails. The U. S has the highest **incarceration** rate in the world. But we don't have the lowest crime rate. That proves your argument is wrong.

a-Explain what Tim and Jenny are arguing about. Who do you agree with?

b-Do people argue about spending money for schools or for jails in your country?

2. **Sara:** Going to college is **a waste of time**. I got a job right out of high school. I learned to work. I learned to supervise other people. I make a good salary and I didn't spend thousands of dollars on a college degree. And now, at the age of 23, I make more money than you do. I am better off than you. I have a good job with a good salary and no debt.

Terri: A college degree is not a waste of time. I agree that you make more money than I do right now. But **over the long run**, I will have a much higher income than someone without a degree. It's a **trade-off**. I go in debt now so that I can earn more money later. I'm investing in my future.

a-What are Sara and Terri arguing about. Who do you agree with?

b-Did you have to go in debt to get your college degree?

c-Seventy percent of American students with a bachelor's degree graduate with education debt. Does your government help pay for college in your country/

d-Was any part of your education a waste of time?

3. **Mother:** Quit **dragging your feet** and get your room cleaned up. Your grandmother will be here soon and I don't want her to see the mess in your room.

Daughter: Mom, I have a better idea. I will just close the door to my room and no one will know my room is a mess. And I won't waste time cleaning up. After all, it will just get messy again.

a-Explain this conversation.

b-Do you drag your feet when you have to do an unpleasant chore? What is the most unpleasant chore you have to do?

c-Have you ever had an argument with your kids about cleaning their room?

d-At what age should children be required to make their beds and clean their rooms?

e-What chores did you have as a child?

4. **Agent:** I'm going to show you a house today that I'm sure you will love. It is in a good neighborhood with great schools. It's recently been redone with a new kitchen and new bathroom fixtures.

Maria: What do you mean when you say new bathroom fixtures?

Agent: The sinks, toilet and bathtub are all new. They have also replaced the tile. When they remodeled the kitchen they **upgraded** all the appliances to **top of the line** models.

a-Why does the agent think Maria will like the house?

b-Have you upgraded your appliances? Which ones would you like to upgrade?

c-If you bought new appliances would you buy a top of the line model or a budget model?

d-What kitchen appliance do you use the most?

5. **Suzy:** Do you still go up to your cabin in the woods?

Lisa: Not very often. **Once in a blue moon** we will go up there for a few days. The cabin is so far from everything and isolated that the kids don't like going up there They prefer to stay in town and hang out with their friends. And **I can't say I blame them**. It is kind of boring up there. We just sit around and read books or lie in the hammock and look at the lake.

Suzy: I can understand that. I don't like to have **too much time on my hands**. I like to keep busy.

a-Do you have any place that is isolated that you go away to?

b-Would you enjoy going to an isolated cabin or would you prefer to be where the lights are bright (i.e. in a city with lots of things to do)?

Using Prepositions.

Look at these sample sentences.

1-I am sorry **to** interrupt, but I need your signature on this document.

2-Excuse me **for** interrupting, but I need your signature on this document.

Both of them mean the same. But different prepositions are used. In the first sentence, TO interrupt is an infinitive. You can't say, "I'm sorry FOR interrupt". Nor can you say, "I'm sorry TO interrupting.

So the rule is easy. If the preposition is followed by a verb, use TO. If it is followed by a noun, use FOR.

Choose the correct preposition in these sentences.

1. Every year I buy a birthday gift (for / to) my dog.

2. I bought a birthday gift (for / to) give to my dog.

3. I am exercising (for / to) stay healthy.

4. I am exercising (for / to) my health.
5. What are we having (for / to) dinner?
6. Thank you (for / to) teaching me to play the guitar.
7. I apologize (for / to) not calling you.
8. I was sad (for / to) hear about your mother's fall.

Are these sentences correct? If not, correct them.

1. I came here for talking to my professor.
2. He did it for our team.
3. I thanked her to help with my homework.
4. Anna agreed for helping me with my homework.
5. We want to solve this problem for good.
6. He deserves going to jail.
7. Don't forget for getting in touch.
8. I bought this flashlight for walking at night.
9. To our surprise, she quit her job.
10. Fruits and vegetables are good to your health.

Discussion:

1. What are some examples of the ways times have changed since you were young?
2. What do you miss most about living at home with your parents?
3. What are some examples of things you fear?
4. What advice would you give to someone that just moved to the U.S.?
5. What rights should animals have?