

FUMCESL 4-17-2023 High Intermediate and Advanced Lesson

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

Practice pronouncing these similar sounding words.

wait - wet	taste - test	age - edge	pain - pen
late- let	light - right	low - row	shot - shout
pond - pound	pot - put	clothing - closing	said - sad
boat - bought	curb - curve	bat - vat	clock - cloak
fox - folks	not - note	think - thank	path - pass
sung - song	bus - boss	cut - caught	season - she's on

GRAMMAR: Fewer or Less

Use "fewer" with count nouns and "less" with non-count nouns. If a noun is plural, usually use "fewer". If it's singular use "less". Like all English grammar rules, there are exceptions. We say, "It's less than 3 miles away." Miles is a count noun, but we use "less". We use "less" for distance, time, money, and weight. EX: She weighs less than one hundred pounds. He makes less than five thousand dollars. She will arrive in less than two hours. BUT: There are **fewer** hours of daylight during the winter. Confusing? Yes!

1. There are _____ students attending our elementary school this year.
2. There is _____ water in the lakes this year because of the drought.
3. I made _____ money this year than last year.
4. Houston is _____ than two hundred miles away.
5. You should read this story to your students. It will take _____ than ten minutes to read.
6. I enjoyed this film _____ than the one we saw last month.
7. I made _____ mistakes on my math homework this time.
8. These rings are _____ expensive.
9. My doctor told me to eat _____ salt.
10. I will buy _____ bags of candy this Halloween.
11. This recipe has _____ calories than the other one.
12. Women commit _____ crimes than men.
13. _____ people write with their left hand.
14. There were _____ tourists last year due to Covid.
15. We have _____ problems now that we speak English well.

Discuss: These paragraphs contain some difficult vocabulary and some idioms. Read the paragraphs and explain them in your own words. Tell what the bold words and phrases mean. Then answer the questions.

1. When I was young, I always tried to **keep up** with my big brother. He liked to ride his bike through the fields behind our house. I would get on my bike and try to follow, but he was bigger and stronger. **Before long**, he would **leave me behind**. Who did you try to keep up with when you were a child? Did you play with your siblings or play with friends more?

2. I am a little shy. Sometimes in a crowd or at a party, I like to **keep to myself**. Do you like to keep to yourself when you are in a crowd or do you introduce yourself to others?

3. As a child, one of our favorite games was "**Keep Away**". We would stand in a circle. One person would be in the middle. Everyone on the outside of the circle would throw a ball around the circle. We would try to keep the person in the middle from getting the ball. Describe some games you played as a child.

4. I **missed out** on participating in athletics when I was in school. In those days, there were very few girls sports teams. In my school, we only had girl's volleyball. I wasn't very good at volleyball, so I couldn't **make the team**. But I was a very fast runner and could even beat several of the boys in races. I would have loved to be on a track team. Sadly, there was no girls track team. What was something you missed out on as a youth? Are there lots of opportunities for girls to participate in sports in your country?

5. When I was a **teenager**, several of us **sneaked out** of our houses one night. We all met at another friend's house where the parents were not home. We had a late night party. We got a little loud and someone called the police. I was afraid the police would call my parents and I would be in **big trouble**. I ran out the back door and all the way home. Fortunately, I never **got caught**. Did you ever sneak out? What did your parents "catch you at"?

6. I have a new car. I really love it. It is **second to none**. It's my favorite color, blue. It's got pretty leather seats inside. I plan to drive it for a long time. Do you have something that you really **value** and feel like is second to none.

7. I didn't do well in math in high school. I tried to **figure it out**, but I just couldn't understand it. Then in college I took a course about how to teach math. We had to pretend to teach math to young elementary school students. When I had to explain math to first graders, it suddenly made sense to me. I **saw the light**. After that math was easy for me. Was there anything that was difficult for you that you finally figured out?

8. The teacher asked the students whether they wanted to **postpone** the test until Friday. She asked for **a show of hands**. Almost everyone voted for postponing it. Is the teaching style different in the U.S.? Do you feel like U.S. schools are behind schools in your country?

9. I thought my boss was nice, but today I asked for a day off to go visit my mother in the hospital and he **denied** me. He got really mad and told me if I didn't **show up** for work he would **fire** me. He **showed his true colors**. Can you give an example of when someone showed their true colors?

10. I have three grandchildren. Two are girls and one is a boy. The two girls always **side against** the boy. So my grandson doesn't often **get his way**. When you were young did any of your siblings side against you? Did you get your way very often as a child?

11. I asked my husband if he wanted chicken or beef for dinner. He said, "**six of one, half dozen of another**". Do you think he had strong opinions about which meat to eat? Do you prepare lots of meals with meat or do you mainly cook vegetarian dishes?

12. Jim **slipped up** and mentioned a party in front of Linda. Jim forgot Linda hadn't been invited. He felt really bad. He knew this would **hurt Linda's feelings**. Tell about a time you slipped up. Tell about a time when your feelings were hurt.

13. **Politics** in the U.S. has gotten very ugly. When I was younger, people could disagree without feeling the other person was bad or evil. Now, many people feel someone in a different political party is a bad person. They don't want to **keep company** with people who have different political opinions. Is this happening in your country? Are you able to be good friends with people that you don't agree with politically?

14. Joanna walked into the office. Lots of people were in their **cubicles** but the room was so quiet you could **hear a pin drop**. She knew right away **something was up**. She wondered if she should ask what was wrong, or just get to work and ignore it. What would you do if you were Joanna?

15. Paula got a letter from her **landlord**. She was afraid her landlord was going to sell her house and she would have to move. She was sure that letter **spelled trouble**. But, when she opened it, her landlord asked if she wanted to **renew her lease**. She happily answered, "YES!" What a **relief** for Paula. Have you ever received a letter or phone call that spelled trouble?

16. Lara is going to the **city council** meeting today. The city council voted to close the libraries. Lara is angry about this. Libraries are important. She is going to the city council to **speak her mind**. Lara feels everyone needs to **speak up** when the city council votes for something that isn't right. Do you think Lara was right to speak up or should she have **kept quiet**? Ask your teacher when they have spoken up.