

FUMCESL 4-24-2023 High Intermediate and Advanced Lesson

Introduce yourself. Tell where you are from and where you live now. Tell something you learned recently.

Discuss:

1. People say, "Weigh your words before you speak." What does this mean? Is it good advice? Is it something you usually do? I tend to be impulsive when I speak. That gets me in trouble. I'm trying to learn to weigh my words.
2. What does it mean if someone says, "You are invading my personal space." Americans tend to have a bigger personal space than some other cultures. For example, some Europeans stand too close to me when we are talking. I feel uncomfortable and back up. Have you ever had this experience? Has anyone ever told you you are invading their personal space?
3. If you had a pet, would it live inside or outside? Are you nervous around others pets? I have a friend with a dog who jumps up on me continuously when I visit her. What should I do?
4. List some things you like to do on Sunday. Who do you like to do them with?
5. What countries have you visited? Which is your favorite and least favorite? Which country was different than you expected?
6. Do you enjoy amusement parks? Do you like to go on scary rides? What is the scariest ride you have ridden on?
7. What would you do if you saw a big spider in your kitchen? How do you feel about bugs in general? Who is more afraid of bugs, you or your spouse?
8. Many Americans hunt. They hunt for deer or birds. Do people in your country frequently hunt? Have you ever eaten meat that was killed by someone you know?
9. Do you think people should be allowed to fly on commercial airlines with large dogs? Is there any animal you wouldn't be comfortable sitting next to on a plane? How about flying with a pet snake?
10. Do you like zoos? Do you ever feel like the animals are unhappy or bored? Should we encourage capturing animals for zoos?

Read these paragraphs. Explain the meaning of the underlined words or phrases. Tell what is happening in your own words.

1. Jeremy aims to do well when he begins the class. But by the end of the semester, he always falls behind. He has a hard time staying motivated. I don't think he will ever amount to anything.
2. Jim's algebra class is very difficult for him. His reluctance to take hard math classes in high school is catching up with him in college. In algebra class he is in over his head. I'm afraid he is facing an uphill battle.

3. Jan's dress is reminiscent of the ones worn at the turn of the century. You can always count on Jan to wear outlandish outfits to parties. She collects antique clothing and loves showing off her wardrobe whenever there is an opportunity.

4. My neighbor is reputed to be a spy. But if he is, he'll carry the secret to his grave. He doesn't give any hint of being a secret agent. He just seems like a mild-mannered banker. If he is a spy, he is a master of deception.

5. I found it difficult to regain my composure after the meeting. I was stunned by the general rudeness. One person brought a sack full of food and proceeded to eat his lunch. Another had several conversations on his cell phone. And the guy across the table from me just stared off into space the whole time. He never acknowledged the speaker or made any comment at all. I have never seen such unprofessional conduct at a business meeting. I'm not sure I can endure another meeting like that one.

6. My spouse and I haven't been getting along. We decided to sit down and work things out. But first, I wanted to establish some ground rules. There could be no criticism or insults. And no one should point a finger at the other person. We both have made mistakes. We both have faults. We need to own them and apologize. Only then can we move forward.

GRAMMAR-----PAST CONTINUOUS used with PAST TENSE and PAST CONTINUOUS TENSE
It is possible to use the past continuous and past tense in the same sentence. The past continuous is usually used to talk about what was happening at the time something else happened. Read these examples:

Mina was reading to the children while I bathed.
Ben was washing the dishes as I talked.
I finished my homework while they were watching the movie.

Use the verb pairs to finish these sentences. Use past continuous and past tense.

EX: (blow/pop) She was blowing up the balloon when it popped.

- 1.(carry/get) Erika _____ her bag when she _____ into the car.
- 2.(shake/leave) She _____ with anger as she _____ the hotel.
- 3.(leave/ go) We _____ the house when the alarm _____ off.
- 4.(hope/give) Jeff _____ to go away this weekend, but his boss _____ him a project to be finished by Monday.
- 5.(live/spend) When I _____ in Paris, I _____ two hours a day commuting to and from work.
- 6.(chat/stand) A friendly couple _____ with the stranger while he _____ in line.
- 7.(walk/enter) Two police officers _____ by just as the robbers _____ the bank.
- 8.(listen/clean) We _____ to music while we _____ the cabin.

These sentences all use past continuous along with a past tense verb. You can also use two past continuous verbs. EX: While the boys were studying, the girls were washing the dishes. The sun was shining and the birds were singing.

There are some verbs never used in past continuous. Read these sentences and change the tense of the past continuous verb so the sentence is correct.

1. I was believing him when he said he didn't mean to do it.
2. He was disliking his new school until he met his new girlfriend.
3. The teachers were involving the parents in the children's projects.
4. She was needing to know how to open the lock.
5. We were preferring a double room, but the hotel only had a single available.
6. I was understanding my math class until we started multiplying fractions.