

## FUMC ESL 5-11-2023 High Intermediate and Advanced Lesson

**Announcement:** Next Wednesday, May 18th, in the morning at 10 AM there is a volunteer opportunity at our church. You will be helping get ready for Vacation Bible School. I think there might be some art work involved for those who are artistic. But you don't need to be an artist to help. Lots of things need to be done. Please email me if you intend to go. My email is: bingaman1949@gmail.com

**Introduce yourself.** Tell where you are from and where you live now. Tell us about your family.

### **Pronunciation:**

You know how to pronounce the SH sound. You use that sound when you want someone to be quiet. Put your fingers over your lips and say, "shhhhh".

Say these words: shoe, shame, share, ship, trash, wish, rush

But we also use the SH sound when we pronounce "tion" or "sion". Say these words: action, condition, location, nation, invitation, persuasion, television, profession, collision, permission, vision, Persian

We also use the SH sound in pronouncing the ends of these words: anxious, cautious, spacious. The sound like ank-SHUS, cau-SHUS and spa-SHUS.

Note: Not all words ending in ious are pronounced with this sound. Say CURIOUS. It is pronounced like CUR-EE-US.

Usually CH has a different sound from SH. Say chore-shore. Say chop-shop. Say chip-ship. Notice the difference in these sounds.

BUT, sometimes CH is pronounced as SH. EX: machine, chauffeur, chef, champagne

Then you have the strange words which for no good reason are pronounced with SH sound. EX: sugar, sure, insure, insurance, beige, Persian, Asia, measure.

## TALKING ABOUT FAMILY

1. Today we will talk about our own **flesh and blood** (people related to you). People say that **blood is thicker than water**. This means your family relationships are more important than your friends. Jon worked for a family owned company. He did a good job and hoped he would be promoted to vice president. But he was not promoted. Instead, the owner's son got the job. Jon was disappointed but he understood that **blood is thicker than water**.

Have you ever worked for a family owned company? If your parents owned a company would you expect to be promoted faster than the other employees?

Sometimes family members get mad at each other. For example, Tim borrowed a lot of money from his parents and never paid it back. Tim's brother had to help their parents out financially when they were older because Tim had borrowed so much money from them. Tim's brother was very angry with Tim. Now there is **bad blood** between them.

Is there bad blood among any of your family members?

2. Your **nuclear family** is your spouse and your children. Your **extended family** includes parents, grandparents, aunts, uncles and cousins.

In the U.S. people sometimes choose to celebrate holidays with only their nuclear family. Others like to have their extended family around on holidays. They like having a lot of people with all of their relatives there. Which do you prefer? Are you very close to any of your aunts, uncles or cousins? How often does your extended family get together? Do people in your country usually have large families with many children?

3. Many kids now grow up in a **single-parent family**. The parents divorce and the children go to live with one parent or the other. This can be hard for the parent and for the kids. It is hard to raise children with only one parent present. Usually the parent has to work, so the child is left home alone a lot. And sometimes there is not enough money with only one parent working. Sometimes the kids have to go to work when they are teenagers to help pay for things.

Are there many single-parent families in your country? Is there any shame attached to single-parent families?

4. Some families are **blended families**. When a divorced woman marries a divorced man, they may both have children. This makes a blended family. The children are **stepsisters**, or **stepbrothers**. Another type of blended family occurs when one parent has a child from another marriage. Then they marry again and have a child with the new parent. Then the children are half-sisters and half-brothers with the child from the other marriage. They share one parent with their brother and sisters. Stepsisters and brothers don't share a parent.

Did you grow up in a blended family? What are the advantages and disadvantages?

5. If you have a **close knit family**, you have a very good, close relationship with your family. You support each other and frequently do things together. Do you have a close knit family?

6. A **dysfunctional family** is one that doesn't work well. There is a lot of arguing and fighting. People don't get along. Sometimes the children are abused. Sometimes the children misbehave. It is very tense in a dysfunctional family. Do you know anyone who grew up in a dysfunctional family?

7. If a trait **runs in the family** it means several people in the family share the same trait. For example, Julie is very musical. She can play several instruments and she sings well. Her father is in a band and her grandmother sang with the opera. Her mother sings in the choir at church. Musical talent runs in the family.

Lisa is a very ambitious. She works very hard and is determined to achieve success. She makes top grades in school. She hopes to go to an excellent university and become a doctor. This trait runs in her family. Lisa **takes after** her father and grandfather. They both graduated at the top of

their class and became successful in their businesses. It seems all of Lisa's family are ambitious. It runs in the family.

What runs in your family? If your parents were very successful, did they pressure you to do well and be successful?

8. I **resemble** my father. When people see me, they always know who my father was. We look a lot alike. You could say, I am the **spitting image** of my father. I was **a daddy's girl**. My father loved me and treated me very well. And I loved my father, too. We liked to **hang out** together. We shared a lot of interests and enjoyed being together. Daddy's girl is a positive term to describe a father-daughter relationship.

Were you a daddy's girl? Describe your relationship with your father.

### Grammar Quiz: Fill in the blank with the correct option.

1. Alice didn't expect \_\_\_ to Linda's party.

a-to ask      b-to be asked      c-asking

2. Matt left the office without \_\_\_\_\_ anyone.

a-tell      b-telling      c-to tell

3. I hope \_\_\_ a scholarship for the coming semester.

a-to be awarded      b-award      c-being awarded

4. It was exciting \_\_\_\_\_ to my home country this spring.

a-travel      b-to travel      c-traveled

5. Did you see that deer \_\_\_ across the road?

a-run      b-ran      c-to run

6. Last Saturday, we went \_\_\_\_\_.

a-to shop      b-shopping      c-to shopping

7. \_\_\_\_\_ in the mountains is our favorite activity.

a-Hike      b-Hiking      c-Go for hiking

8. Exercising makes me \_\_\_\_\_ good.

a-feeling      b-to feel      c-feel

9. The smoke was thick in the room. Marty opened a window \_\_\_\_\_ some fresh air.

a-let      b-letting      c-to let

10. I don't remember \_\_\_\_\_ the front door.

a-to lock      b-locking      c-locked