

FUMC ESL 5-18-2023 High Intermediate and Advanced Lesson

Introduce yourself. Tell where you are from and where you live now. Tell the class something you would like us to know.

We use many idioms that have numbers in them. Read the sentences and guess what the idiom means.

one too many

My brother had one too many drinks last night, so my sister drove him home.

in one ear and out the other

The teacher told the kids to start the homework early, but it went in one ear and out the other. None of them started on the homework early.

look out for number one

My neighbor is so selfish. He only looks out for number one. He never thinks about what others need.

one good turn deserves another

I helped my neighbor repair his car after he helped me move my piano. One good turn deserves another.

one man's trash is another man's treasure

My friend loves to go to garage sales. One man's trash is another man's treasure.

two strikes against

That man has no education and no experience, so he's got two strikes against him from the start. I think it will be hard for him to find a job.

kill two birds with one stone

I can drop you at the airport when I go pick up the laundry. That will kill two birds with one stone.

put two and two together

I didn't know who was calling me over and over until I saw the school phone number on my caller id. I put two and two together and figured out it was my son trying to get me to come pick him up.

have someone's number

I had that guy's number as soon as I saw him. I knew he was not someone to be trusted. And sure enough, he walked out of the restaurant without paying for his meal.

one's days are numbered

The general's days were numbered after he insulted the president. He should have known the president would fire him.

Which idiom means:

- a) You won't last long in this position.
- b) You only care about yourself.

- c) Things that you don't want may have value to someone else.
- d) If you help someone, they will probably help you.
- e) Ignoring what someone tells you
- f) had too much alcohol
- g) figure something out

Discuss

- a) What advice did your parents give you that went in one ear and out the other?
- b) Describe a time when you did something for a friend who had done something for you.
- c) Have you ever taken something that someone left out for the trash pickup?
- d) Do you like to go to flea markets and garage sales?
- e) Describe a time when you killed two birds with one stone.
- f) Describe a time when you put two and two together.

VOCABULARY: Adjectives

bitter: 1) a sharp, unpleasant taste EX: I don't like coffee without sugar and milk because it tastes too bitter. 2) harsh and unpleasant EX: After the divorce, his ex-wife was very bitter and would not speak to him. She still feels bitterness towards him. 3) extremely cold EX: It can be bitterly cold during the winter in Moscow. A bitter wind blew the snow into our faces as we walked.

Ann: Would you like a cup of coffee, Jill? I just made a fresh pot.

Jill: No thanks. I never learned to like coffee. It tastes so **bitter**.

Ann: Have you tried putting milk in it? That cuts the **bitterness**.

Jill: I am allergic to milk.

Ann: Oh, well I guess that won't work. But you need something to warm you up on this bitterly cold day. How about some hot tea?

Jill: That would be wonderful. Do you have any decaf?

Ann: I don't have decaf, but I have several herbal teas that don't have caffeine in them.

Jill: I would love some herbal tea. Thank you. I need something to warm me up before I walk home in that bitter wind.

- 1) What does Ann mean by "a fresh pot"?
- 2) What does Ann mean when she says, "it cuts the bitterness"?
- 3) Why won't Jill use milk in her coffee?
- 4) What is decaf?
- 5) What kind of tea does Ann have?
- 6) What do you like to eat or drink on a bitterly cold day?
- 7) Have you ever lived in a place with bitter winters? How did you stay warm?

jittery: worried and nervous. When you are jittery, you might have the **jitters**. Jittery is an adjective, jitters is a noun. Some people get jittery before a competition or a performance. They may shake slightly from nervousness. They might have a hard time being still.

Di: What's the matter, Jo? Do you have the jitters. You keep jumping up then sitting back down. Your hands are shaking. Are you nervous?

Jo: I always get jittery before I perform. I'm afraid I'll forget the words or miss a note. Getting the jitters is normal for me.

1. When do you get the jitters?
2. What can you do to calm yourself?

lackluster: not very exciting or impressive

Jill: How was the concert last night?

Sal: It was OK. I've seen better. The band seemed a little off. I got the feeling their hearts weren't in it. It was a lackluster performance.

1. What does Sal mean by "a little off".
2. What does "their hearts weren't in it" mean?
3. Do you like to go to live concerts?