

FUMC ESL 5-4-2023. High Beginning and Low Intermediate Lesson

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

Pronunciation: EE words are usually pronounced with the long E sound. Say these words: meet, feet, sweet, street, greet, sheet, teeth, sleep, keep.

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BUT there are exceptions. Pronounce these words: steak, break, great. These words have the long A sound like bake. The word "learn" has a short U sound. "Bread, dead, health" have the short E sound.

Homophones: Words that have same pronunciation, but different spelling and meaning. Read these examples of homophones and tell what they mean.

heal - heel

steal - steel

weak - week

meat - meet

beat - beet

GRAMMAR: Infinitives are a special form of verb that can be used as a noun or an object. EX: I want **to watch** TV tonight. (want is the verb, to watch is the infinitive) She learned **to read** in kindergarten. (learned is the verb, to read is the infinitive)

Add an infinitive after these verbs to make a sentence. The first one is done for you.

1. They offered to babysit our children.
2. I couldn't afford _____
3. She threatened _____
4. We decided _____
5. You agreed _____
6. They always volunteer _____
7. He likes _____

Some infinitives need a noun or pronoun between the verb and the infinitive. Read these examples.

I invited **Joe** to dinner. (invited is the verb, to dinner is the infinitive and Joe tells who was invited.). The dog caused **her** to fall. (Caused is the verb, to fall is the infinitive, her explains who fell).

Put a noun or pronoun followed by an infinitive to make a sentence. The first one is done for you.

1. I trust **you** to tell the truth.
2. The doctor persuaded _____
3. She reminded _____
4. The teacher taught _____
5. She begged _____

Life Goes On High Beginning---Lesson 7: A Suit from Macy's

Sharon is in a dressing room at Macy's. She is trying on a pair of black dress pants. They fit very well. Sharon is thinking about buying them. Then the salesclerk comes in with a pretty pink blouse and a jacket that matches the pants. Sharon tries them on. She is pleased with how she looks. The salesclerk says, "You look so professional in this suit." Sharon smiles. "OK, I'll take them all."

At home, Sharon looks in her bag and sighs. She really regrets spending so much money. After all, Sharon is a nurse in a big hospital. She wears a uniform at work. She doesn't need a suit. And she certainly doesn't need to spend more money this month.

The next day, Sharon returns the clothes to Macy's. "Can I show you something else?" asks the salesclerk. "Or would you like a store credit so you can find something later?" Sharon says, "No, thank you. I would just like a refund, please."

That afternoon while Sharon is at home, she gets a call from her boss at the hospital. He says, "Sharon, we have an opening for a nursing director. Can you come in for an interview on Monday? This is a big promotion for you, so it would be a good idea to wear a business suit. You want to look professional."

Questions:

1. Did Sharon like the way she looked in the business suit?
2. Demonstrate a "sigh". Why did Sharon sigh?
3. What did Sharon decide to do with the clothes?
4. "Buyers Remorse," is a term for people like Sharon who buy something, then wish they hadn't spent the money. Have you ever had buyer's remorse?

5. What is Sharon's job? What does she usually wear to work?
6. What does the boss mean when he says there is a job opening?
7. What job does her boss want her to interview for?
8. Why does her boss tell her to wear a suit?
9. Do you think Sharon should go back to the store and buy the suit?
10. I knew a woman who would buy a dress to wear for a special occasion, then take it back to the store the next day and return it. What do you think about this?

DISCUSS

1. Do you only shop when you need something, or do you enjoy shopping as a pastime?
2. Who buys more clothes in your family, men or women?
3. Do you buy clothes for everyone in your family?
4. Do your children ever argue with you about what they can wear?
5. When you went to school, did you wear a uniform?
6. Would you like your children to wear uniforms to school?
7. What is one piece of clothing you would never wear?
8. Are you a conservative dresser or do you like to experiment with more unusual styles?
9. Do people dress differently in the U.S. than in your country? What advice would you give me about what to wear when I travel to your country?