

## **FUMC ESL 5-4-2023 High Intermediate and Advanced Lesson**

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

**Common errors made by non-native speakers. Read and discuss.**

**I WAS PRESSURIZED BY MY PARENTS.**

This is an incorrect use of the word. She meant she was “pressured”. Something that is pressurized has had its pressure raised artificially. For example, we pressurize our automobile tires by pumping air into them. But we don’t pressurize people.

**I HAVE LIVED IN THE UNITED KINGDOM FOR ONE AND ONE HALF YEARS.**

We commonly say, “one and A half” rather than “one and one half”.

**ALMOST OF THE STUDENTS WERE FROM INDONESIA.**

Correct: Almost ALL of the students were from Indonesia.

**I’M SCARY ABOUT THE EXAMS.**

She means, “I’m scared” about the exams.

**I DIDN’T LIKE MY TEACHER. ME TOO.**

The correct answer is ME EITHER.

**THE STRIKERS DIDN’T COLLECT THE GARBAGES FOR ONE MONTH.**

Garbage does not have a plural form. It is an uncountable noun like furniture and money.

**MOST OF THE CHILDREN STAYED IN SCHOOL AND PERFORMED WELL. ONLY THE YOUNGEST CHILD ENDED UP AT PRISON.**

This student used the wrong preposition. It should be “in prison”. This can be confusing. We say “in school”, “in prison” but “at work”.

**SHE HAD TO GO TO HOSPITAL.**

This sentence is correct in British English. However, Americans say “go to THE hospital”.

**DID YOU GO TO THE BOOKSTORE? YES, I WENT.**

The correct answer would be, "Yes, I did." When answering a question use do, don't, did or didn't.

**EVERYBODY ARE GOING.**

Everybody is singular, so use IS not ARE. Each, everyone, everybody, anyone, anybody, somebody, nobody, someone, none, no-one are all singular.

**IDIOMS:** Read the conversations. Discuss the words and phrases in bold. Explain what is happening in the conversations in your own words.

**Sara:** Did you see the email Sherry sent out to everyone in the department? It is probably going to make a lot of people angry.

**Linda:** You can count on Sherry to **stir things up**. She asked me if she should send the email and I suggested it would be better to **let sleeping dogs lie**. But Sherry can be very **hard-headed**.

**Susan:** Welcome to Austin, Alison. I know your flight was long and you must be tired, but we need to **head straight to** the **stockholder's** meeting. The delay in your arrival means we won't even have time to check you into the hotel.

**Alison:** I'd really like to **freshen up** a bit if there is a restroom or lounge I could use.

**Kate:** **By all means**. There is a women's lounge just down the hall from the meeting.

**Alison:** What do you see my **role** being tonight?

**Kate:** The **agenda** has been set and we didn't put you on the list of speakers since we weren't sure if you would get here in time for the meeting. But the stockholders are going to want to meet you, so you will be introduced. Then we'd like you to **minge** with everyone during the reception.

**Alison:** Of course. How many people are you expecting to **show up**?

**Kate:** **Somewhere in the neighborhood of** two hundred and fifty. By the way, it's probably better if you don't mention that we will be **selling off** some of our **subsidiaries**. We don't think it will **impact the bottom line** that much. We'll make an announcement in a few weeks when all the **i's have been dotted and t's have been crossed**.

**Alison:** I'm glad you told me. Don't worry. I **won't breathe a word of it**.

### **GRAMMAR: Verbs followed by an infinitive without TO:**

Let me show you how to do it. We don't say Let me **to show** you how to do it. We always use a noun or pronoun after LET. The same is true for the verb MAKE. EX: They made us wait. NOT: They made us to wait. Note: Use a noun or pronoun after make.

HELP can be used with a TO infinitive or without the TO. EX: I **helped her move** into her new house. We usually don't say, "I helped her to move."

EX: Everyone **helps to reduce** pollution.

The verbs hear, see, feel, and watch can be followed by object + infinitive without to as well.

### **Read the examples:**

I heard him go down the stairs.

I watched him cross the road.

I saw her light the lamp.

I felt him touch my arm.

### **Are these sentences correct?**

1. Bob won't let his daughter to stay out late at night.
2. She helped me to learn the alphabet.

3. I promised help Andy with his car.
4. She pretended be asleep.
5. She made him wash his hair.
6. They saw the boys break into the building.
7. We watched the cat to climb the wall.
8. The teacher invited the students stay at his house.
9. He saw them to cheat on the test.
10. She made us to tell her what happened.

DISCUSS:

1-What is your policy on lending money to friends?

2-How safe do you feel when riding with an Uber driver?

3-If you were flying to your home country from the U.S., would you pay more money to have a more comfortable seat or would you buy the cheapest ticket you could find?

4-A "pet peeve" is something a person finds especially annoying. For example, my pet peeve is people who talk on their cell phone while driving. What is your pet peeve?

5-Have you ever had a great conversation with someone you just met?

6-Did you learn to swim as a child? Have you swum in a river, a lake or the ocean?

7-Do you like to collect shells on the beach? Do you like to run on the beach? Would you like to own beachfront property?

8-Should cars be allowed on the beach?