

FUMC ESL 6-15-2023 High Intermediate and Advanced Lesson

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

Proverbs: Match the proverbs below with the meanings.

1. There's no time like the present.
2. People in glass houses shouldn't throw stones.
3. The grass is always greener on the other side of the fence.
4. Where there's smoke, there's fire.
5. The squeaky wheel gets the grease
6. The pen is mightier than the sword.
7. There's no such thing as a free lunch.
8. When in Rome, do as the Romans do.
9. When the going gets tough, the tough get going.
10. Two wrongs don't make a right.

Match the meaning:

- (a) Nothing is free. Even the things that are free have a hidden cost
- (b) If something seems wrong, it probably is; also, there is usually some truth to a rumor
- (c) Trying to get revenge on someone who has hurt you will only make things worse
- (d) People always want what they don't have
- (e) Don't criticize someone if you're not perfect either; don't be a hypocrite
- (f) The person who complains in a situation is more likely to get something.
- (g) If you're trying to convince someone of something, words and ideas are stronger than using physical force (common in politics)
- (h) Don't wait to do something. Do it now
- (i) When you are in a new place or situation, try to act like the majority of people in that place or situation.
- (j) When a situation becomes difficult, strong people don't give up; they work harder

Pick a proverb from the list above and talk about a situation where this proverb might be used.

Explain what is happening in these sentences. Identify and define the idioms.

1-Elaine made no money out of the biography she wrote. The book was **a labor of love**. It was her way to **pay her respects** to her mother. Elaine's description of her family was quite **touching**. Even my father was **moved** when he read it.

How did Father feel about the biography Elaine wrote?

2-We all have a **heavy heart** today as we think about the death of Jay's mother. She was an amazing woman who **rose to the top** of her company at a time when few women were in the **work force**. She will be **sorely missed**.

Do you think it is hard for women to rise to the top in today's working world?

3-After the death of Jay's mother, many friends **reached out to him** in support. He was **truly touched** by all the sympathy and support he received from everyone.

What touches you?

4-The critics told Erin her new book would be **a bust**, but it was **wildly popular**. She made **a bundle** on the book. Personally, I think her writing **leaves a lot to be desired**, but I **wouldn't dream of** telling her that. Obviously mine is a **minority opinion** as the book **broke sales records**.

Describe something that is wildly popular in your country.

5-I need to have surgery to repair the damage to my knee, but I have failed to **come to grips with the problem of money**. The surgery is very expensive and I won't be able to work for several weeks after it. Someone suggested asking my father to help me out **financially**. My father is very generous, but I **wouldn't dream of asking** him for money. He expects me to **stand on my own two feet**.

Would you ever ask your parents to help you out financially?

6-Tom is the most **laid back** person I know. **Nothing on earth** seems to bother him. He'd be the last person to complain about any **affront**. Some people say he is too **lackadaisical**. But I appreciate his **willingness** to listen to other's opinions and feelings rather than **imposing** his own.

Is it possible to be too laid back if you are in the business world?

7-Jack is great at **hiding emotions**. He **plays his cards very close to his chest**, and he has the best **poker face** in the office. If he is **up to no good**, it's going to be hard to tell. He's **sly as a fox**.

Do you have a poker face? Can you easily hide your emotions?

8-John had an awful accident. He was **unconscious** after the fall and the doctors feared he would **lapse** into a **coma**. Fortunately, he **regained consciousness**, but he was **laid up** for several weeks while he recovered. He's **up and around** now, though. The doctor thinks that **in the end**, he'll be as **fit as a fiddle**.

Does the doctor believe John will recover completely?

9-The idea **looked good on paper**, but it just didn't work out. The **time wasn't right** for an expensive resort **miles from nowhere**. Now that gas costs **an arm and a leg**, people are **hesitant** to travel that far. I thought we could **make a go of it**, but **despite an all out effort**, we couldn't enroll enough guests to pay expenses. I tried to get the investors to **put up a little more money to get the project off the ground**, but they said they didn't want to **throw good money after bad**. I guess my **luck has run out**. No more **wheeling and dealing** for me!

How did people feel about the project at the beginning? Why didn't the project work out?

10-I went to the bar down the street and found Ed trying to **drown his sorrows**. Apparently, he and his wife are having some **marital** problems. Ed's afraid his wife may ask for a **divorce**. I

tried to **cheer him up**. I said, "Ed, **keep your chin up**. Don't get **downhearted**. You'll **work out** your problems. **It's always darkest before dawn**." Then I ordered him a cup of black coffee to **sober him up**.

Describe:

- (a) a person who has changed the world for the better.
- (b) a person who has changed the world for the worse.
- (c) an invention that has made life easier.
- (d) your personality.
- (e) a dish that is "finger-lickin good".
- (f) the best dressing for a salad.
- (g) what you do to stay awake in the afternoon when you are feeling drowsy?