

## **FUMC ESL 6-19-2023 High Intermediate and Advanced Lesson**

**Special Note:** Kathy Morales memorial service will be held next Saturday, June 24th at 2 PM at First United Methodist Church, 1201 Lavaca. We hope some of you will be able to attend. The ESL teachers that are in town will be there. Catherine will be giving a testimonial. We would like you to come to the church by 1:45 so that we can all sit together. If you are unable to attend the service, it will be livestreamed and available on the church's [Youtube channel](#). Just click on the Youtube channel link in the previous sentence. We need to know how many students plan to attend, so please tell the teacher or email Catherine if you plan to attend the memorial service.

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

**Today is Juneteenth:** In the middle of the Civil War in 1863, President Lincoln issued the Emancipation Proclamation which freed the slaves in all states that were revolting against the nation. After the Civil War, on June 19, 1865, all people living in the United States, including those that were slaves in any state were declared free. Slavery was no longer legal anywhere in the U.S. The day this became official is called Juneteenth. On June 17, 2021, President Joe Biden signed a bill into law making Juneteenth a national holiday.

### **Using Modals:**

A modal is an auxiliary verb added to another verb to indicate possibility, ability, prohibition and necessity. Some common examples of modal verbs include: should, could, would, must, will, might . Choose the correct modal in these conversations.

**Mona:** Is Jeff a good student?

**Teacher:** He (could be / should be / is) if he studied and went to class. I'm afraid Jeff is a little lazy and lackadaisical about studying.

**Kel:** Do you know where Barb is?

**Dani:** She (might be / should be) at her house. She left work early because she had to run some errands. But it's 6 PM now. I think she has finished her errands by now.

**Jo:** I stayed up all night finishing this essay for my history class.

**Len:** You (could be / should be / must be) really tired.

**Linda:** Is the grocery store still open at 11 PM.

**Mindy:** It (must be / could be) but I don't know for sure what the hours are.

**Kara:** It is supposed to rain tomorrow.

**Jan:** I know the forecast said that, but it (must be / could be) wrong. The meteorologist frequently get the forecasts wrong.

**Karen:** Is that Dal's brother standing next to her?

**Stella:** It (must be / should be) because he looks just like Dal.

**Sue:** I wonder why the TV is on in the den. Nobody is in there.

**Mother:** Grandma (must be forgetting / must forget / must have forgotten) to turn it off.

**James:** Let's be really quiet when we go in the baby's room. The baby (might sleep / might be sleeping / might have been sleeping).

**Sara:** Okay. I'll be very quiet.

**Howie:** Have you noticed that Professor Lee wears something blue every day.

**Tara:** I have noticed. She (must like / might like) the color blue.

**Take turns reading the article below, one paragraph at a time. Explain the meaning of the words in bold print. After the students read it, teachers should read the paragraph and answer questions about pronunciation. Lastly, answer the questions after each paragraph.**

### **THE SNAKE CHARMERS**

Three nights a week, Beth Koehler and Peggy Van Gorder close their dog grooming business, pick up their camper and head down to the Florida Everglades to hunt Burmese pythons.

1-What do dog groomers do?

2-What do Beth and Peggy do three nights a week?

Each night of the hunt, they spend hours slowly rolling along gravel roads searching for the **elusive, invasive** reptiles. They switch on **massive** lights atop their Jeep, lights that turn the night as bright as day.

1-How are able to see the snakes at night?

Van Gorder drives, never going more than about 6 mph. Koehler stands with her head through the sunroof, **peering** ahead for any sign of a snake. They are paid to hunt snakes by the Florida Fish and Wildlife Conservation Commission. They're not doing it for the money. There's hardly any **profit** to be made. They are doing it to save Florida's wildlife.

1-Why are they hunting pythons?

The first Burnese Python turned up on the **outskirts** of Everglades National Park in 1979. The park service biologist **sounded the alarm**, but no one believed that the snakes would **breed** in the wild and nothing was done.

1-Why weren't snakes hunted the first time they started appearing in the Everglades?

Then in 2003, the biologists found **hatchlings** which was the proof they needed. The snakes were definitely breeding in the wild. But by then the biologists were told it was too late to stop

the snakes. There were simply too many of them. Today, biologists estimate that about 100,000 pythons **infest** Everglades National Park and the thousands of acres of **marshy** public land surrounding the park.

1-How many pythons are in the Everglades park and surrounding land now?

But the problem is, they aren't **staying put**. A woman in West Palm Beach found a Burnese python in her washing machine. **Biologists** complain that most of the wildlife in the park, has disappeared. No foxes, raccoons or other small mammals. The only animals you see now are rats, gators and pythons. This is not good for the **ecosystem**.

1-Are the snakes staying in the park?

2-How have the pythons affected the wildlife in the park?

Some of the snake hunters use guns to shoot the snakes, but Koehler and Van Gorder prefer to **nab** them by hand and stuff them into large sacks. Van Gorder says she **relishes** the adrenaline rush of wrestling with a big, hissing snake. Adult Burmese pythons are generally between 10 and 16 feet long. Once, Van Gorder was bitten by a python. The snake's tooth remained lodged in her finger for months. But it didn't lessen her enthusiasm for the hunt.

1-Why doesn't Van Gorder shoot the snakes?

2-Did getting bit by a python cause Van Gorder to stop hunting them?

3-What would you do if you found a snake in your washing machine?

4-Would you like to be a snake hunter?

5-Does it make you sad that they kill the snakes?

6-Does your country have any problems with invasive species?