

## FUMC ESL 6-26-2023 High Intermediate and Advanced Lesson

### ANNOUNCEMENTS:

Some students asked how to donate to the ESL program at the church in honor of Kathy Morales. The easiest way is to send a check to First United Methodist Church Austin. On the FOR line on the bottom of the check write: TO ESL in honor of Kathy Morales.

This week is the last week of summer ESL. We will meet this Monday and Thursday. We will not meet during July or August. Fall ESL classes will begin on Thursday, September 7th. Please check the website for lessons which will be posted before the 7th.

We will not be sending out emails any more. You may keep up with the news about the class by checking the website or joining our facebook page.

Here is the link to join our facebook group.

<https://www.facebook.com/groups/254750441259695>

I will have to admit you to the group, so please be sure you have a picture of yourself on your website so we can tell who you are. We get many, many requests to join by people who are not our students. We reserve this facebook page just for our students. If we don't recognize your name or your face, we will not admit you. The group is called FUMC AUSTIN ESL. If you have problems joining email me and tell me what your Facebook name is.

I am happy for you to email me with questions as well. I will write my email address in the chat. I don't want to put it in this lesson because it is posted on the internet. You can also email me by clicking on the **contact us** link in the website. That will forward your email to me and I can reply.

**Introduce yourself. Tell where you are from and where you live now. Tell something about your weekend.**

### THE LESSON:

The high beginning/low intermediate class has been studying gerunds and infinitives. This can be very confusing in English.

Some verbs are only followed by infinitives. EX: We **decided to fly** home.

Other verbs can only be followed by gerunds. EX: Austin doesn't **permit smoking** in restaurants.

Some verbs can be followed by gerunds OR infinitives. EX: I **love playing** golf. OR I **love to play** golf.

To make it more complicated, if there is a noun or pronoun between the verb and the infinitive or gerund, that can effect which one you have to use. EX: I advised seeing a doctor. BUT I advised **him** to see a doctor.

There are few good rules. The only way to really know is to get used to hearing it correctly. The answer to **why** is often, that's just the way we say it. If you want a list of verbs followed by

infinitives and/or gerunds, download the high beginning lesson for today. There are several tables.

**In the sentences below, choose a gerund or an infinitive. Sometimes either is correct.**

1-We suggest \_\_\_\_\_ in the new hotel.  
staying                      to stay

2-I regret \_\_\_\_\_ her that she shouldn't go to college.  
telling                      to tell

3- I regret \_\_\_\_\_ you that you didn't pass your classes this semester.  
informing                      to inform

4-We proposed \_\_\_\_\_ dinner before we go to the theatre.  
having                      to have

5-I offered \_\_\_\_\_ the kids to school today.  
taking                      to take

6-The little girl pretended \_\_\_\_\_ a princess.  
being                      to be

7-We offered \_\_\_\_\_ my daughter a car.  
buying                      to buy

8-We missed \_\_\_\_\_ you when we were in town last year.  
seeing                      to see

9-They postponed \_\_\_\_\_ on the new budget.  
voting                      to vote

10-You must stop \_\_\_\_\_ yourself.  
blaming                      to blame

11-I remember \_\_\_\_\_ her at church.  
meeting                      to meet

12-Please remember \_\_\_\_\_ off the lights.  
turning                      to turn

13-I don't remember \_\_\_\_\_ off the lights. I'd better go back and check.  
turning                      to turn

14-When did you start \_\_\_\_\_ English?  
studying                      to study

15-She practices \_\_\_\_\_ every day.  
singing                      to sing

16-I hate \_\_\_\_\_ where there are sharks in the water.  
swimming to swim

17-They agreed \_\_\_\_\_ for my college tuition.  
paying to pay

18-The clock stopped \_\_\_\_\_ at midnight.  
working to work

19-We hope \_\_\_\_\_ to our home next summer.  
returning to return

20-I hope \_\_\_\_\_ a tutor will improve my English  
getting to get

21. I hate \_\_\_\_\_ to the dentist.  
going to go

22.I avoid \_\_\_\_\_ TV late at night.  
watching to watch

23. Please consider \_\_\_\_\_ our class.  
attending to attend

24. The rules require \_\_\_\_\_ in the U.S. for five years before applying for citizenship.  
living to live

25. The rules require everyone \_\_\_\_\_ in the U.S. for five years before applying for citizenship.  
living to live

**DISCUSS:**

- a) Who do you miss the most?
- b) What do you enjoy studying?
- c) Name something you do not allow in your house?
- d) Does it bother you if people interrupt you when you are talking?
- e) What is something you recommend all visitors to the U.S. do?
- f) What (not who) do you miss about your home country?
- g) Name something you practice every day.
- h) What do you like to listen to?
- i) Where do you hate going?
- j) What hope do you have for the future?
- k) Do you prefer sitting inside or outside at a restaurant?
- l) When did you start studying English?

- m) Name something you frequently forget to do.
- n) Name a musical instrument you would like to learn to play.
- o) Name something you would like to have but can't afford to buy right now.
- p) When did you learn to drive? Do you like to drive.
- q) Name something you hesitate to do.
- r) Tell a promise you have made to a friend or family member..

**Idioms:**

1-Explain the difference between your roof and the **roof of your mouth**? Have you ever bitten into a hot pizza and had the hot cheese stick to the roof of your mouth? OUCH!

2-Where is the **tip of your tongue**? What do we mean when we say, "Oh, her name is on the tip of my tongue."

3-If you **stick your neck out** for someone, what do you do?

4-Have you ever needed to **get something off your chest**? How do you do that?

5-If someone offered to **give you a hand**, would you accept it? Would you then have 3 hands?

6-Has anyone given you **the cold shoulder**? How did you react?

7-Are you **an old hand** at anything?

8-Is an elbow room a room full of elbows? Do you like to have plenty of **elbow room** when you are doing something?

9-Is a cold shoulder the same as **cold feet**? When do you get cold feet?

10-What makes your **blood boil**? How do you cool down after your blood boils?

**Read the sentences and tell what you think the words in italics mean.**

1. Don't *sugar coat* the bad news, doctor. Just *give it to me straight*.
2. There are *cobwebs* in all the corners of that old house.
3. I burned the *roof of my mouth* on that cheese pizza.
4. If you'd like to *freshen up*, the bathroom is down the hall.
5. I was *dumbstruck* when Olivia said she was flying to Rome for the weekend.
6. A *mouth watering* smell came from the kitchen as she prepared our steaks.
7. You children *settle down* now. It's time to put on pajamas and get ready for bed.
8. Did you *settle up* with Dad for our part of the meal.
9. Who is making all that *racket* in the kitchen?
10. Your ankle looks *puffy*. Are you sure you didn't break it when you fell?
11. I feel so *drowsy* in the afternoon.
12. I'll have a chicken sandwich, *hold the mayo* please.

1. **Wear and tear:** the process of wearing down or slowly breaking something. EX: Driving in ice and snow results in lots of wear and tear on your car.
2. **Torn between:** troubled by a choice or dilemma. EX: I'm torn between leasing the hybrid SUV or the small sports car.
3. **Gets your goat:** something that is really annoying, something that makes you angry. EX: The way Carol always flirts with my boyfriends really gets my goat.
4. **Knocked your socks off:** very shocking or surprising EX: The performance of the acrobats at the circus knocked my socks off.
5. **Tied down:** restricted by responsibilities EX: We chose not to have children because we didn't want to feel tied down.
6. **Watch your step:** be very cautious EX: I have to watch my step around my future mother-in-law, as she expects me to be a perfect wife for her son.

7. **Talk someone out of something:** convince someone not to do something EX: I could not talk Jim out of leaving the party early.
8. **Pay an arm and a leg:** to pay too much money for something EX: The house was very nice, but they were asking an arm and a leg for it.
9. **Lose touch with:** lose contact with someone EX: My college roommate and I “lost touch” after she moved to Chicago.

## Discuss

What really “gets your goat”

Something you paid “an arm and a leg” for  
an event that really “knocked your socks off”.

Situations where you must “watch your step”

an appliance you put the most “wear and tear” on

a decision when you were “torn between” two choices

A period in your life when you felt least/most “tied down”

A time when someone “talked you out of” doing something you really wanted to do

Someone you have “lost touch with”

### List:

3 people who have changed the world for the better

3 people who have changed the world for the worse

3 inventions that have made life easier

3 adjectives that describe you

3 reasons for staying in America

Discuss your list with the class.