

FUMC ESL 6-29-2023 High Intermediate and Advanced Lesson

Announcements: This is the last day of class for the summer session. We are off on vacation for a while. We hope to see all of you back with us on Sept. 7th for the fall session of ESL. Have a wonderful summer.

Introduce yourself. Tell where you are from and where you live now. When you were a child, what did you want to be when you grew up?

Positive and Negative are two words that can be confusing. Most of the time, if something is positive that is a good thing. EX: I feel very positive about my new job. I like my boss and the work is interesting. I enjoy working at my new job. It is a positive experience.

OR I feel negative about my new job. My boss gets angry at us. He yells and cusses. The work is very dull. We do the same thing over and over. It is a negative experience.

BUT sometimes positive can mean a bad thing. EX: I took a Covid test. The result was positive. I have to stay at home until I test negative for Covid. I hope I test negative soon.

OR I thought I had Covid. But I took a test. It was negative. I'm so happy I don't have Covid. I just have a cold. I am so happy the test was negative.

Give your opinion whether each of these statements would be a positive or negative:

1. if policemen didn't wear guns
2. if children could vote
3. if everyone had a guaranteed income
4. if unhealthy food had a large tax
5. if smoking was illegal everywhere
6. if wars were only fought with robots, not real people
7. if no country could go to war without a majority vote from its citizens
8. if there were no traffic lights
9. if you were allowed to drive whatever speed you like on the freeways
10. if everyone had to go to church

You are in a conversation with someone. Which of these behaviors are negative and which are positive. Are any of these different in your culture?

frowning	looking at your watch	making eye contact
crossing your arms	yawning	rubbing your nose
shaking hands	nodding your head	ask about their politics

English uses many “clipped words”. That is short abbreviations for longer words. Write the full word for each underlined clipped word. There is a word box at the bottom if you need help.

1. Michelle is **prepping** for her test tomorrow.
2. Sal needs a better **intro** for his paper.
3. That teacher has a really bad **rep**. Try to avoid taking her class.
4. They hire **ex-cons** to work on construction.
5. The **ref** for this game is awful.
6. Until I see the **specs** for the job, I won't know what to bid.
7. The students rented a **limo** to take them to prom.
8. Go to the **deli** for some sandwich meat.
9. There were so many **typos** in her lesson today.
10. Don't swim in that pond. It's full of **gators**.
11. **Bro**, don't do that.
12. The race is only a **10K**.

JULY 4TH HOLIDAY: Next Tuesday, Americans will celebrate Fourth of July. That is the day our nation declared independence from the British. People celebrate with picnics, barbecues, fireworks, parades, concerts, and eating, especially hotdogs.

You should google, July 4th events in whatever city you live in. You will get a list of activities you can participate in. Austin has a big concert and fireworks display on Ladybird Lake. You can check the link below for information about the event. There are lots of fireworks and other events all over the area.

<https://www.austintexas.org/events/4th-of-july/>

You can buy fireworks at fireworks stands around the city. But remember, many neighborhoods do NOT allow you to shoot off fireworks in the neighborhood. Also note that "sparklers" which people light and hand to kids are dangerous. If children touch the burning end of the sparkler to their skin, it can give them a bad burn. So have fun, and be careful

What happened on Independence Day?

The American colonies declared independence from Britain by writing a letter to the king. It was called The Declaration of Independence.

What does the Declaration of Independence say?

There are some truths that everyone understands. 1) That all men are created equal, 2) that all men have certain rights including life, liberty and the pursuit of happiness, and 3) that governments job is to protect these rights for the people. If the government no longer protects its citizens, the government must no longer be respected.

Why were the American colonists mad?

The letter lists lots of grievances. Grievances are things the British government did that hurt the Americans.

The Declaration says the king ----

- a) didn't listen to their problems and try to solve them,
- b) when they complained, the king arrested the people who complained, c) the king put heavy taxes on them,
- d) the king had his army burn their cities,
- e) the king gave guns and support to Indians to attack Americans,
- f) the king ended laws the Americans put in place,

Because of these things and many more, the Americans would no longer honor King George. Americans would be free. They would have their own government. This was the beginning of the Revolutionary War.

DISCUSS:

1. Does your country have a national independence day? When is it celebrated? How is it celebrated?
2. Have you been to a 4th of July celebration? What was your favorite part?
3. Ask another student a question. Then they will ask a question. Teachers, you can participate in this too.