

FUMC ESL 9-28-2023 High Intermediate and Advanced Lesson

Introduce yourself. Tell where you are from, where you live now and how long you have lived in the U.S. Tell what other places you have visited or lived.

English has many words which mean the same thing. Some of them are "fancier" words, some are more "casual". Read these sentences and match the word in bold with the meaning from the table.

1. I'd like to **inquire** about the apartment for rent.
2. He **indicated** that he had applied for a scholarship.
3. I need to **verify** your social security number.
4. I **donate** to food drives. No one should go hungry.
5. If you can't follow the rules, we will have to **terminate** your employment.
6. How may I **assist** you?
7. The criminals **evaded** capture by hiding in plain sight.
8. She **informed** me that my license had expired.
9. We don't use pesticide to **eliminate** bugs.
10. I try to **envisage** what life will be like when my kids are grown.
11. These towels have been washed so many times, they are beginning to **disintegrate**.
12. **Initially**, my son liked school, but later he grew tired of it.

avoided	end	point out	check	imagine	remove
ask for	give	at first	break up	told	help

We use many French words in English conversation. Pronounce these words, read the sentence and tell what they mean. Tell if you use any of these French words in your language.

crouton	souffle	cul-de-sac	bouquet	petite	chic
lingerie	Deja vu	chauffeur	entrepreneur	fiance	sabotage

1. There are too many **croutons** on my salad.
2. I would like to have the chocolate **souffle**, please.
3. Our street is a **cul-de-sac**, so there is not much traffic.
4. I picked some flowers and made a **bouquet** for my daughter to carry at her wedding.
5. These dresses are too big. I need a **petite** size.
6. That dress is very elegant and **chic**.
7. I bought some lacy **lingerie** to wear under my evening dress.
8. I had the strangest feeling I had been there before. It was **deja-vu**.
9. The **chauffeur** drove the Mercedes to the ball.

10. He is a tech **entrepreneur** who just sold his start up company for several million dollars.
11. My son's **fiance** is coming to dinner to meet us for the first time.
12. The continuing power failures were due to **sabotage** of the power lines.

SENTENCES WITH IDIOMS: Read the explanation of the idiom and the example. Then make a sentence with the idiom.

1-stop off (stop there briefly before continuing your journey) EX: I want to **stop off** at Carol's house on the way home and pick up my homework assignments.

2-pit stop (a pause in a journey to take care of necessary things) EX: I could use a **pit stop** if you don't mind. I think there is a service station with clean restrooms just up the road.

3-stop at nothing (do anything to get what you want) EX: These gangs will stop at nothing, including murder.

4-pull out all the stops (make every effort to achieve something) EX: Now that it is getting close to the election, the candidates will pull out all the stops to get their voters to the polls.

5-stop and smell the roses (take a break and enjoy life) EX: Joe, you are working much too hard. You really should stop and smell the roses from time to time.

6-stop short of (almost do something, then decide not to) EX: I gave him an earful, but stopped short of firing him.

7-stop by (visit someplace briefly) EX: Why don't you stop by when you're in town and we'll have a cup of coffee.

8-put a stop to (bring something to an end) EX: I can put a stop to his bad behavior by taking away his car keys.

Choose the best answer to fill in the blanks.

1-Seals can _____ because they have a thick layer of blubber under their fur.

- a-keep them warm
- b-keep themselves warm
- c-they keep warm
- d-keep their warm

2-A cure for juvenile diabetes _____ until more funds are allocated to basic research.

- a-won't develop
- b-aren't developing
- c-don't develop
- d-won't be developed

3-Civil engineers had better _____ steel supports in concrete structures built on unstable geophysical sites.

- a-include
- b-including
- c-inclusion
- d-included

4-Even without strong wings, the ostrich has survived because it _____ at high speeds to escape predators.

- a-to run
- b-can run
- c-running
- d-run

5-In general, by the second year of production, the price of a new piece of technology _____ significantly.

- a-will decreased
- b-has decreased
- c-will have decreased
- d-had decreased

6-Fred Astaire is _____ to have been the best dancer of his time.

- a-saying
- b-said
- c-says
- d-will say

7-The cones of pine trees take two or three years to reach _____.

- a-mature
- b-maturity
- c-more mature
- d-the maturity

8-_____ a healthy heart pump five tablespoons of blood with every beat.

- a-On average
- b-Per average
- c-In the average
- d-With average

9-Almost everyone fails the driver's test on the first _____.

- a-opportunity
- b-giving
- c-try

d-trying

10-The average spoken sentence in conversational English takes 2.5 seconds _____.

a-for completing

b-for finishing

c-completion

d-to complete

DISCUSS:

1-Do you think girls mature faster than boys? Give examples to support your opinion.

2-When you're feeling sentimental, you might be feeling really nostalgic for a certain time in your life. Maybe there are loved ones who you really miss, or a past relationship that brings up a lot of different emotions when you reflect on it. Are you sentimental. What makes you feel sentimental?

3-If you are anxious, you are worried or uneasy. What makes you feel anxious?

4-Have you ever experienced deja vu?