

## FUMC ESL 10-2-2023 High Intermediate and Advanced Lesson

Introduce yourself. Tell where you are from and where you live now. Did you attend a single sex school or a co-ed school? Which do you think is better for students?

**Using ABOVE and OVER:** These two words have similar meanings. However, they don't mean exactly the same thing.

We usually use ABOVE when there is no contact (touch) between the two items. EX: The plane flew ABOVE the clouds. The plane wasn't touching the clouds. EX: Put a blanket OVER the baby. The blanket is touching the baby.

We use ABOVE to talk about things that are at a higher level. The cabin is in the mountains above the village.

We use OVER with numbers. EX: We made over \$60.00 at the fair. The child weighs over forty pounds.

EXCEPTION: We say, it was five degrees above zero.

We use OVER to talk about something that has finished. EX: The game was over before the rain started.

### Decide whether you should use above or over in the blank.

1-I'm sorry, but you have to be \_\_\_\_\_ eighteen to enter this club.

2-He put a coat on \_\_\_\_\_ his pajamas.

3-Boys \_\_\_\_\_ eighteen can be drafted.

4-There were \_\_\_\_\_ two hundred people at the protest march.

5-Don't let the kids swim there. The water is \_\_\_\_\_ their heads.

6-The temperature is three degrees \_\_\_\_\_ zero.

7-The temperature has not been \_\_\_\_\_ freezing for days.

8-The towns along the coast are barely \_\_\_\_\_ sea level.

9-\_\_\_\_\_ one hundred people signed the petition.

10-Males age eighteen and \_\_\_\_\_ can join the military.

11-The wind blew the sign \_\_\_\_\_.

12-He leaned \_\_\_\_\_ and kissed me.

### Idioms

1-I can't **get over** the flu. It just **hangs on**. I still have a cough after 3 weeks.

My dog died last month and I just can't **get over** it. I really loved that dog and miss having him around.

*How is the idiom "get over it" different in the two sentences above?*

2-These math problems are **over my head**. I struggle to solve them. I can't **get the hang of it**.

My boss is mad at me. He wouldn't let me take my vacation this year because he said there was too much work to do. But I haven't taken any vacation and I am **entitled** to two weeks. So I **went over his head** and talked to the vice president. He told me to take the vacation Now my boss is mad because I went **over his head**.

I have to make a speech next month at the convention. It's **hanging over my head**. I dread it. I will be glad when it is over.

*What is the difference in the way "over his head" was used in these sentences?*

*Do you have anything coming up that you dread; that is hanging over your head?*

*Do you think the person who went over their boss' head did the right thing?*

3-The demand for new houses was so high, they demanded five thousand dollars **over and above** the original asking price.

He was given a travel allowance **over and above** his salary.

*Is there a difference in the way, "over and above" is used in these sentences?*

4-She's a great leader, always putting her concerns for our work team **above her own needs**.

What does it mean to put the needs of others above your own? Give an example.

5-Since the farmer's daughter married the millionaire, she's **gotten above herself**. She needs to remember where she came from. Just because she married into wealth, doesn't mean she's better than us.

In your culture, do people look down on others who above their social class, or is that a normal occurrence? Was this different one hundred years ago?

6-I had to be out of town for two weeks. I was worried about what I would do about Mother. She doesn't drive and I take her groceries each week. I was telling my neighbor about my problem. She volunteered to take groceries to my mother each week that I was gone. That was very kind, but she went **over and above the call of duty**. She picked Mom up and took her to have her hair done at the salon. My neighbor is the kind of person who always does more than is expected.

Do you have any friends or neighbors who went above and beyond the call of duty to help you?

7-**Tina:** You are an hour late. What happened? Was traffic bad? Did you have car trouble? Was there a problem at home?

**Shannon:** **All of the above.** It has been the worst morning!

*What does Shannon mean by, "all of the above".*

8-I asked my daughter if she wanted cake, ice cream or cookies for her birthday party. She answered, "**all of the above.**" That sounds like my daughter. She always wants it all. She doesn't see why she should have to choose between good things.

*How would you describe her daughter? Do you know people that want to "have it all"? If your daughter wanted to have it all, would you give it to her?*

9-In Jan's office, there is a lot of gossiping and bickering. It keeps the employees anxious. But Jan **rises above it all.** She ignores the gossip and doesn't get involved in the bickering. I wish I could be more like Jan.

*Explain how Jan rises above it all. Have you ever been in an office environment like this? Are you able to ignore arguments and bickering around you or do you usually get pulled into the bickering?*

10-I know some used car salesmen have a bad reputation. And some of them are probably a little **shady.** But we were very happy with our salesman. Everything was **out in the open** and **above board.** He told us about any defects the car had and insisted we test drive it before buying.

*Have all of your business dealings in the U.S. been above board? Has anyone tried to trick you or cheat you?*

**Pronunciation: Pronounce these words that sound similar. Tell what the two words mean.**

boat - boot	grammar - glamour	royal - loyal	bowling - boring
collect - correct	root - rot	rat - rate	mouth - mouse
myth - miss	fairy - very	force - fourth	save - safe

**DISCUSS:**

A. Tim always **overreacts** to bad news. He responds more emotionally than is necessary. Do you know anyone who frequently overreacts? How do you respond to bad news?

B. When Mother saw our grandchild for the first time, she was **overcome** with emotion. Talk about a time when you were overcome with emotion.

C. Have you ever been **overcharged** for repairs? In other words, charged more than the correct price.

D. Have you ever had people **stay over** at your home because of bad weather, or road conditions or maybe too much alcohol?

E. Tell something that has happened that you are **overjoyed** about.