

## FUMC ESL 10-23-2023 High Intermediate and Advanced Lesson

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

**Expressions With Prepositions: Choose the correct preposition. Fill in the blanks with either ON, IN or AT. Ask questions if you don't understand the meaning of the sentence.**

1. I will be ready to leave \_\_\_\_\_ about ten minutes.
2. Juan never seems to be \_\_\_\_\_ home.
3. She spent the entire afternoon \_\_\_\_\_ the phone.
4. Turn right \_\_\_\_\_ the corner of Lavaca and 13th street.
5. \_\_\_\_\_ the United States, slavery was abolished \_\_\_\_\_ the 19th century.
6. We meet \_\_\_\_\_ Mondays and Thursdays.
7. My family gets together \_\_\_\_\_ Thanksgiving day.
8. \_\_\_\_\_ summer, my children go to camps.
9. The dog jumped \_\_\_\_\_ me while I was sitting \_\_\_\_\_ the sofa.
10. The children haven't seen their grandparents \_\_\_\_\_ years.
11. We agreed \_\_\_\_\_ the terms of the contract.
12. She has a deep faith \_\_\_\_\_ God and practices her faith every day.
13. The construction work will take six months, \_\_\_\_\_ the very least.
14. Many people like football, but \_\_\_\_\_ my opinion, it is too violent.
15. Are you traveling to Paris \_\_\_\_\_ business?
16. Have you read the article \_\_\_\_\_ Time magazine?
17. We're staying \_\_\_\_\_ the Marriott while we are \_\_\_\_\_ town.
18. Teens get \_\_\_\_\_ trouble if they have too much time \_\_\_\_\_ their hands.
19. Are you \_\_\_\_\_ any medication that could make you dizzy?
20. Many students made a gift to the church \_\_\_\_\_ behalf of our dear teacher.
21. \_\_\_\_\_ the whole, this is a good school.

### Expressions Without Prepositions

These verbs are normally followed by direct objects without prepositions. Examples: discuss your plans **not discuss about your plans**

marry a friend, **not marry with a friend**

The child doesn't resemble his parents, **not resemble to his parents.**

Conversation stopped as we entered the church, **not entered to the church.**

**Compare these sentences.** One uses a preposition after the verb, the other doesn't. Is there a difference in meaning. Do you see a grammatical pattern?

- 1-He lacks experience. It cost him the job. His lack **of** experience cost him the job.  
2-The train approached London and slowed to a crawl. On its approach **to** London, the train slowed to a crawl.

We usually leave out the preposition **AT** before **what time**.

What time does Granny's train arrive? You can say "At what time does her train arrive?" but it is quite formal and used more in British English than American English.

In an informal style, **for** is often left out in expressions that say how long something lasts. EX: I've been here three weeks already. (It is also correct to say "**for** three weeks".)

We often leave out **in** in expressions like "in this way, in the same way, in another way". EX: They plant corn the same way their ancestors did. To avoid the bully, we went another way home. Please come this way.

We do not use **to** before home.  
EX: I'm going home. NOT I'm going to home.

**Some questions end in a preposition. Write the correct preposition in these questions.**

- 1-Who's the gift \_\_\_\_\_?
- 2-What are you looking \_\_\_\_\_?
- 3-Which dentist did you go \_\_\_\_\_?
- 4-Which flight is he traveling \_\_\_\_\_?
- 5-What kind of books are you interested \_\_\_\_\_?
- 6-What are you worried \_\_\_\_\_?
- 7-Is this the house you told me \_\_\_\_\_?
- 8-Where do you come \_\_\_\_\_?
- 9-Who's she talking \_\_\_\_\_?
- 10-Which car are you interested \_\_\_\_\_?
- 11-Children hate being fussed \_\_\_\_\_?
- 12-Who are you waiting \_\_\_\_\_?
- 13-Which mall did you go \_\_\_\_\_?
- 14-Who is the boss mad \_\_\_\_\_?

15-What is she complaining \_\_\_\_\_?

16-Who is this book written \_\_\_\_\_?

17-What is this town famous \_\_\_\_\_?

18-You are very quiet. What are you thinking \_\_\_\_\_?

19-What is everyone laughing \_\_\_\_\_?

20-What region does this wine come \_\_\_\_\_?

**This is a true story. Read it and discuss it with your group.**

When I was young I got teased by the other kids. I was geeky and shy, and besides I had red hair and big teeth. I wasn't used to hanging out with kids. My dad left when I was two years old. So I spent my days hanging out with my mom or grandparents. Sometimes Mom would even take me to work with her at J.C. Penney. The other women there were all older. They thought I was cute. They'd prop me up and ask me to sing country songs. Singing was something I could do. Mother thought music was important and we sang along with the records at home.

But at school, life was hell. I didn't have any of the "cool" clothes because Mom couldn't afford them. And I was an awful soccer and basketball player. I was always picked last in games. I was the geeky red headed kid with the high voice. But when I started middle school, Mom talked to the choir teacher, Mrs. Norton. Mrs. Norton asked me to join the choir. When I sang for her she said, "You sing in church, don't you?" I said yes. I'd been singing in church for about four years. Mrs. Norton said she could tell because I had a really big voice that could reach all the way to the back row. She told me I had a gift. She said not everyone can sing like you, Clay. God has given you a beautiful voice and you must use it. I joined the choir and started singing at all the school events. The kids were amazed that a little geeky kid like me had such a great voice. Pretty soon, nobody cared about how I looked. I was just the kid that could sing.

I am so thankful for Mrs. Norton. She flattered me and encouraged me to sing. Without her pushing me, I might have given up singing. We are still friends today.

This story was by Clay Aiken. He was on "American Idol" in 2003 and since then has made several records and appeared in a holiday special TV show.

1-What does geeky mean? Did you ever feel like a geek?

This story reminds me of my husband. When he was in high school, he was very small, had red hair and freckles. I asked him if he often got teased. He said he did not get teased because he was smart and in all the accelerated classes. So all his friends were very bright, but somewhat geeky kids. They all hung out together. They were just known as "the smart kids".

At your high school were there groups of smart kids, athletic kids, band kids, popular kids?  
Which group did you fit in?

2-Did you have someone, a teacher or neighbor or relative, who believed in you and encouraged you when you were young? Talk about them.

3- What does "flattered" mean? Give an example of how someone might flatter you.

3-Do you enjoy singing?

4-What is a special talent you have?