

FUMC ESL 12-11-2023 High Intermediate and Advanced Lesson

Introduce yourself. Tell where you are from and where you live now. Answer: One interesting thing about my country is...

Grammar Exercise: Choose BOTH, EITHER or NEITHER to fill in the blank.

1. Do you want coffee or tea? _____ one is fine.
2. What is the date today, the 13th or 14th? _____. It's the 11th.
3. Did you go to Scotland or Ireland? _____. We spent a week in each country.
4. Should I call you in the morning or afternoon? _____. I'll be in the office all day.
5. Do you want a beer or some wine? _____. I don't drink alcohol.
6. _____ parents are responsible for their son.
7. You can take the bus or get on the Metro. _____ way works.
8. I saw an accident involving two cars. Fortunately, _____ driver was hurt.
9. I have two sisters. _____ of them live in town.
10. I went to two book stores looking for a book, but _____ store had the book I wanted.
11. I was invited to two Christmas parties, but I couldn't go to _____ one.
12. Sara and I play tennis together. But _____ of us plays very well. In fact, _____ of us have decided to improve our game by taking lessons.
13. I took two books on vacation, but I didn't read _____.
14. Which window should I open? It's hot in here. Open _____ of them.
15. I can meet on Monday or Wednesday. Would _____ of those days be convenient?

Vocabulary Practice:

1. Is a concession stand and an intermission the same thing?
2. What is the difference between a ticket and a coupon?
3. What is the difference between a season ticket and a complimentary ticket?
4. Is a raincheck and a paycheck the same thing?
5. Do "nothing doing" and "not a chance" mean the same thing?
6. Who might tell you to "pull over"?
7. Do "give in" and "give up" mean the same thing?
8. Is it smart to "read up on" a company where you want to work before the job interview? How would you do that?
9. I can "read" my husband well. I usually know what he is feeling or thinking before he says anything. Are you good at reading people? Can you read your spouse well?
10. If the teacher says, "Please read it aloud," what does she want you to do? Does "read it aloud" and "read it out loud" mean the same?

Match the phrasal verb in bold text with these definitions:

a-the thing that influences the decision the most

b-to begin to suffer symptoms of an illness

c-to suggest an idea or plan

d-to be unable to control your emotions

1-My mother **broke down** and cried when she saw her wedding photo ruined.

2-Jim always **comes up with** great ideas.

3-I feel like I'm **coming down with** a cold.

4-I would feel better about Mother if she was in a senior living apartment where she would be safe and could get help. But she wants to stay in her home by herself. It's hard to know what to do. I guess it all **comes down to** what would make her happiest.

DISCUSS:

1. Name something you have that you would **break down and cry** if it was ruined?
2. Talk about a good idea you have **come up with**.
3. How do you know when you are **coming down** with something?
4. Whether you stay in the U.S. or return to your home country **comes down to** _____.

Practice Conversation:

1. When I get upset about something, _____ always helps calm me down.
2. Do you like to play games? What kind? How often? Do you enjoy board games? How about video games? Do you like word games, card games or number games?
3. December is the beginning of "cedar fever" in Austin. Cedar trees expel their pollen in the form of a yellow cloud. Many people are allergic to this pollen. Have you ever had cedar fever? What symptoms do you have? What kinds of things are you allergic to?
4. What is the scariest amusement park ride you have ever been on? Will you ride it again?
5. Is December a happy month for you? Explain why or why not.