

FUMC ESLI 1-25-2023 High Beginning and Low Intermediate Lesson

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

Number Idioms:

1-Second Thoughts:

EX-Mary agreed to marry Tom. But later, she had second thoughts and called off the wedding.
Note: If you "call off" something, you cancel it.

EX: Don decided to quit his job. He didn't enjoy the work. But when he thought more about it, he had second thoughts. His company had been good to him. He had just gotten a promotion and a large raise. Maybe it would be best to stay with the company.

Talk about a time you had second thoughts about something.

Sometimes we use "on second thought" to mean we have changed our mind.

Barb: I think I'll ride to the party with Julie.

Susie: Julie has had several traffic accidents this year. I don't think she's a safe driver.

Barb: On second thought, maybe I'll take the bus.

2-Third Times A Charm:

EX: I have tried to turn on my car twice, but it wouldn't start. I wonder if my car battery is low. I'll try one more time. Third time's the charm.

The meaning is you will get lucky the third time you try. Are there any numbers that are lucky in your culture? Are there any that are unlucky. For example, thirteen is an unlucky number to many Americans. Some buildings don't have a thirteenth floor because it is considered unlucky to live on the thirteenth floor.

Are you superstitious about numbers? Would you live on the 13th floor.

3- The Third Degree

EX: My parents asked me lots of questions when I got home late last night. They asked me where I had been and who I had been with. They wanted to know why I was late getting home. They gave me the third degree.

This means long and serious questioning. Did your parents ever give you the third degree?

4-A Sixth Sense

EX: A teacher from school offered Sara a ride home. But Sara had a sixth sense about him. She felt something wasn't right. She said, "No, thank you. I'm taking the bus." Later the teacher was arrested for trying to force a young girl into his van.

Have you ever had a "sixth sense" about someone or something?

8-Umpteen

EX: I have umpteen chores to do this Saturday so I won't be able to hang out with you.

Umpteen means a very large number. Use "umpteen" in a sentence.

Pronouncing ED endings:

Sometimes we pronounce the ED in a past tense verb as another syllable. EX: We **decided** to stay home. DE CID ED. The ED is pronounced as an extra syllable.

Sometimes we don't pronounce the ED in past tense verbs as another syllable. We just add a small T or a small D sound at the end. EX: I **cleaned** the apartment today. (The ED is not pronounced. Only a small D sound is added at the end.). EX: We **watched** TV for hours. (No extra syllable, but a small T sound at the end.)

Pronounce these past tense verbs. Make a sentence with each verb.

passed	saved	rained	divided	looked	accepted
invented	missed	visited	picked	closed	counted
walked	shared	painted	worked	planted	stopped
showed	wanted	asked	baked	rested	closed
jumped	arrived	expected	entered	brushed	carried
kissed	happened	hated	hiked	died	answered
dropped	pushed	demanded	arrested	cried	smoked

Practice Speaking

1. Is "honesty the best policy"? Is there such a thing as being too honest? Explain.
2. If a friend told you they felt very, very sad, what would you do?
3. If you have to fly, do you prefer the window seat, middle seat or aisle seat? Why?
4. Some people love roller coasters. The bigger and scarier the better. Does this describe you? What are your feelings about scary amusement park rides?
5. What do you do when you feel creative?
6. There is a proverb, "Beauty is in the eye of the beholder." What do you think that means? Do different cultures have different ideas of beauty? Is there someone who is not considered beautiful in your culture, but is considered beautiful in a different culture?