

FUMC ESL 2-1-2024 High Intermediate and Advanced Lesson

Introduce yourself. Tell where you are from and where you live now. What is something that you really take seriously?

Ways to use the verb TAKE

1. Please take this package to the post office.
2. Someone took the picture off the wall.
3. My wallet was taken during class.
4. I'll take coffee and scrambled eggs please.
5. It took us two weeks to paint the house.
6. I take a bus to class.

Make a sentence with "take".

Don't get TAKE confused with BRING. You use BRING to show movement toward the speaker. You use TAKE to show movement away from the speaker. Put bring or take in the blank.

1. Could you _____ your father's books up to him. He's in the upstairs study.
2. Could you _____ me my slippers. They are beside the bed.
3. My calculator is on my desk. Could you _____ it to me, please?
4. My client's office is on the second floor. Could you _____ these papers to him, please?
5. _____ those matches from the baby and _____ them to me.

Questions using Take idioms:

1. Have you ever said or done anything you'd like to take back?
2. Talk about a time you were taken by surprise.
3. Describe a place you've been that took your breath away.
4. What is something you've taken an interest in lately?
5. Have you ever taken out a loan?
6. Have you ever taken someone under your wing?
7. What is something you'd like to take home with you when you leave the U.S.?
8. If someone said something bad about your country, would you take it personally?
9. Are you the type of person that takes the initiative to get things done.

10. There is a saying, “You have to take the bitter with the sweet.” What do you think this means? Can you think of a time in your life when you took the bitter with the sweet? Do you have a similar saying in your language?

BLACK HISTORY MONTH:

Today is the first day of Black History Month. Black History was ignored when I went to school. We only learned about great things the White people did. But now children learn about Black History. It is a time for everyone to learn about contributions by brave and talented Black people.

Today we'll study **Rosa Parks**. In Montgomery, Alabama, the public buses were segregated. In other words, the White people rode in the front of the bus. The Black people rode in the back of the bus. If all the seats were full and another White person got on the bus, a Black person had to get up and give their seat to the White person. On Thursday, December 1st, 1955, Rosa Parks got on the bus to go home. She was very tired from working all day. Rosa was sitting at the back of the bus with the other Black riders. A White man got on the bus, but there were no more seats in the White section. So the bus driver went to the back and told Rosa to get up and give the man a seat. Rosa Parks refused. The bus driver stopped the bus and waited for the police to come. They arrested Rosa and took her to jail.

“People always say that I didn’t give up my seat because I was tired,” wrote Parks in her autobiography, “but that isn’t true. I was not tired physically... No, the only tired I was, was tired of giving in.”

Soon word spread of Rosa's arrest. The Black community decided to boycott the buses on the day of Rosa's trial. They spread the word to all the Black neighborhoods. Seventy percent of the bus riders were Black. So the buses were very empty on the day of Rosa's trial. Rosa was found guilty and fined. Martin Luther King, Jr. a young 26 year old minister organized and led marches to protest Rosa's fine. Her lawyer appealed the case and it went to the Supreme Court. Meanwhile, the bus boycott continued. It hurt the profits of the bus company and made the White people very angry. They fire bombed MLK, Jr's house. This brought national publicity to the plight of Rosa Parks. In 1956, the Supreme Court ruled that segregated buses were unconstitutional. That ended the boycott.

Rosa is unusual because she was just an ordinary person who decided she had had enough injustice. She decided to stand up for herself and the Black community. Imagine what courage that took.

1. What do you think of Rosa Parks?
2. I don't know if I could be as courageous as Rosa. Do you think you could? Have you ever "stood up" to prevent injustice?
3. Tell about someone in your country that risked their life to stand up for injustice.