

## FUMC ESL 2-19-2024 High Intermediate and Advanced Lesson

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

Today is President's Day. It originally honored George Washington, our first president. But now it honors all presidents. We have never had a woman president in the U.S. Has a woman ever been the leader of your country? Is there an American president that you particularly liked?

### **Take Idioms: Read and explain. Then answer the discussion question.**

1. She looked so different after her **makeover** that we did a **double take** when we first saw her. Have you ever had a makeover or **radically** changed your appearance?
2. Belle broke the rules again when she invited a client to dinner. The boss doesn't like the employees **fraternizing after hours** with the clients. This is the fourth or fifth time she's broken the rules. I don't think the boss will **take it lightly**. What should happen to an employee that frequently **flouts** the rules?
3. Jeff helped his son build a race car for the Pinewood Derby. In the Pinewood Derby all the kids build and race a little wooden car. Jeff and his son were really excited about the car they built until they got to the Derby. Then they saw that all the other kids had really fancy cars. Jeff was sure his son's car would probably come in last. That really **took the wind out of their sails**. Talk about a time you had the wind taken out of your sails?
4. John said exactly what I wanted to say. He **took the words right out of my mouth**. We often think alike. Do you have a friend like this?
5. Ann tends to **take too much on**. Because she's so busy, she isn't able to complete the projects on time. She really **bites off more than she can chew**. Are you the kind of person who frequently takes too much on or bites off more than you can chew?
6. The wild dogs frightened Tim, but they **took to their heels** after he started throwing rocks at them. Have you ever been frightened by an animal? What did you do?
7. Sara's mom was afraid Sara was **taking up with the wrong crowd**. What would you do if you felt your child was taking up with the wrong crowd? Would you forbid them from seeing this crowd?

### **Read the paragraph and answer the questions. Encourage all the students to answer the discussion questions, not just one.**

Jon does not behave in school. He always gets into trouble. The teacher puts him in "time out". Jon's parents complained that Jon is always in time out. Jon is missing out on class time. He is falling behind the other kids. The principal checked into the teacher's response to Jon's bad behavior. Perhaps there was another way to handle Jon besides time out. The principal decided to move Jon to a different teacher's class. Maybe a different teacher could handle Jon better.

1. What is Jon's problem?
2. What is the teacher's solution to Jon's problem?
3. What is "time out"? Do you put your kids in "time out"?
4. Why are the parents complaining?
5. What solution does the principal find?
6. Do you think Jon's behavior will change with another teacher?
7. If you were the principal, how would you solve this problem?
8. If someone "checks into" something is that the same as "investigate"?
9. If children misbehave at school is it the problem of the child, the teacher or the parent?
10. How are children disciplined for misbehavior in your country's schools?
11. Did you ever get into trouble when you were in school?
12. What does it mean to "miss out" on something? What did you miss out on during Covid?

Mother didn't want to come with us to the children's choir concert, but I talked her into going. It proved to be a bad idea. The performance started late and lasted over two hours. Mother got very tired. It was too much to expect of her to sit through such a long program. By the time we got home, she was exhausted and fell into bed. The next morning her feet had swelled and her back was bothering her. I should have trusted her when she said she wasn't up to it. She knew her own strength better than I.

1. What did Mom get talked into doing?
2. Was it a good idea or bad idea to talk Mom into going?
3. How long did the choir concert last?
4. How did Mother feel when she got home?
5. How did Mother feel the next morning?
6. If someone says they, "aren't up to it", what do they mean?
7. Who knew her strength better, Mother or her son?
8. Talk about a time you were talked into doing something you didn't want to do. How did it turn out?
9. Should we push older people to get out and participate in things with the family?
10. Name something you have done that proved to be a bad idea.
11. If I say, "My back is bothering me," what does that mean? What body part bothers you most often?

Jenna is a 38 year old doctor. She sees patients all day and works on her medical research at night. All the doctors in her hospital respect Jenna. She is an excellent doctor. Jenna has decided that she will not marry. She doesn't have time for a career and a husband. She doesn't want kids. She feels like she can't have kids and be a good doctor at the same time. She loves her work. She feels like she is helping many people. But Jenna's family always asks her when she will get married. Her mother says, "Jenna, when will you give me some grandchildren?" Jenna hasn't told her mother she wants to

stay single. She doesn't want to marry or have children. Jenna knows this will make her parents very sad. She loves them. She doesn't want to hurt them. But she knows what is right for her.

1. What does Jenna do?
2. Does Jenna work really hard?
3. What has Jenna decided?
4. Why doesn't Jenna want kids?
5. What does Jenna's family ask her?
6. Why hasn't Jenna told her parents she will remain single?
7. Do you think Jenna is making the right decision?
8. Should Jenna be honest with her parents?
9. Would your parents be upset if you decided never to marry?
10. Would your parents be upset if you told them you and your husband have decided not to have children?
11. Are more couples deciding not to have children? Why?
12. Do you come from a big family (more than 2 children) or a small family?
13. Do you think it is best to have only one child? Are there any **drawbacks** to having only one child?