

## FUMC ESL 2-22-2024 High Intermediate and Advanced Lesson

**Introduce yourself. Tell where you are from and where you live now. Name a celebrity you admire and tell what they are famous for.**

**Phrasal Verbs:** Phrasal verbs are verbs followed by a preposition or an adverb. EX: take out, close up, break down.

Explain the different meanings for the phrasal verbs below. Choose one of the meanings and make a sentence of your own with the phrasal verb.

### **Break down**

1. We bought some furniture at IKEA. It came in boxes. We had to put it together. The instructions were complicated and hard to understand. But we **broke it down** into parts and figured out how to put it together.
2. The house next door caught on fire. No one was home. The firemen **broke down** the door to get to the fire.
3. The management and the union made an agreement. But the agreement **broke down** because the workers wouldn't approve it.
4. On the way home, my car **broke down**. I had to park it and walk the rest of the way home.

**Proverb:** That's the straw that broke the camel's back.

**Meaning:** When something is the last thing in a series of problems that finally cause something to break or fail. So if you keep packing more and more stuff onto your camel, there will finally come the last piece, which breaks the camel's back.

**Proverb:** You've got to break some eggs to make an omelet.

**Meaning:** Sometimes you must do unpleasant things in order to achieve your goal. For example, you might have to fire some employees to make the company more profitable. Firing employees is unpleasant and you don't want to do it. But if it makes the company profitable, you do it. Have you ever broken eggs to make an omelet?

### **Hold up**

1. He added posts to **hold up** the second floor.
2. We were **held up** by traffic on the way to the party.
3. The jewelry store was **held up** by some thieves.
4. These cheap shoes didn't **hold up** long. I have to buy new ones.
5. Einstein's theories have **held up** over time.

**Proverb:** There is a song that Kenny Rogers made famous. The song says, "You've got to know when to hold 'em, know when to fold 'em, and know when to walk away." This is advice for playing poker, but it is meant as advice about life as well. Know when to keep pursuing something, know when it's time to give up on part of it, and know when it's time

to give up on the whole project and walk away.. What do you think of this advice? How would you apply this to your life? Have you ever had to give up and walk away?

### **Let out**

1. Open the gate and **let the dogs out**.
2. Mother **let out** my sister's dress because it was too tight.
3. This is a secret. Don't **let it out**.
4. She **let out** a scream when she saw the snake.

**Proverb:** Let the chips fall where they may.

**Meaning:** Make a decision or take an action, then watch to see what happens or what the result is. For example, a politician might say, "I'll run the best campaign I can, then let the chips fall where they may." Have you ever let the chips fall where they may?

### **Run into**

1. We slid off the road and **ran into** the telephone pole.
2. She **ran into** an old friend at the grocery store.
3. Did you **run into** problems when you were uploading the new software?
4. If we fixed everything that was wrong with the car, it would **run into** thousands of dollars.

**Proverb:** Still waters run deep.

**Meaning:** Someone with a calm, quiet nature can be very intelligent or passionate underneath. Have you heard this proverb before? Do you agree that quiet persons frequently are highly intelligent or highly passionate people? Sometimes people underestimate quiet people. They aren't sure what is going on in their brains or with their emotions. Talk about a time you have experienced this.

### **Discussion Questions:**

1. Have you ever bought furniture that had to be put together? Was it hard? Would you do it again? Is it worth it to save money?
2. Talk about an experience that was the straw that broke the camel's back.
3. What is something you own that has held up well over time?
4. What people from history would you like to have a conversation with?
5. Who is your favorite celebrity?
6. Do you think celebrities are happy? Why or why not?
7. Are there any American celebrities that are popular in your country? Tell about them?
8. Are there any celebrities from your country that are also popular in America?
9. Do celebrities have problems with paparazzi in your country?
10. Do you think celebrities have a right to privacy?