

FUMC ESL 2-26-2024 High Intermediate and Advanced Lesson

Introduce yourself. Tell where you are from and where you live now. Tell about something fun you did this weekend.

Vocabulary -- Similar Words: Choose the correct word for the blanks. Explain the difference in meaning. Then use one of the words or phrases in a sentence.

up ended or ended up

We _____ the couch and used it to barricade the doorway

We _____ going to a pub after the play.

upheld or held up

The jury _____ the minor's conviction on the drunk driving charge.

The robbers _____ the bank and took everyone's money.

outlast or last out

She was badly injured and probably won't _____ the night.

These new computers should _____ the older models.

outrun or run out

We couldn't finish putting the packets together because we _____ of supplies

Can a cheetah _____ a mountain lion?

outbreak or break out

We need to improve our fence so the dogs don't _____.

There has been an _____ of the flu in Austin.

lookout or look out or outlook

The _____ for our economy is actually pretty good.

The bank robbers left a _____ outside to watch for the police.

_____, those boulders look like they may fall.

upset or set up

We went early to help the manager _____ the convention hall.

He was really _____ about missing his flight.

back up or backup

You are standing too close. _____, so you aren't in danger of being hit.

We have a _____ copy stored on another hard drive in case something happens to this one.

break down or breakdown

Our air conditioner is so old it often _____.

Mother had a _____ after my sister disappeared.

break through or breakthrough

There has been a real _____ in cancer treatments. The new ones are much more effective than in the past.

The thieves _____ the wall of the bank.

Practice Speaking: Read each pair of statements and tell which one you agree with. Explain why you agree or disagree with the statements.

A. Women are better at caring for children than men are.

B. Men are just as good at caring for children as women are.

C. One of the parents should stay home with the children so they don't have to go to daycare.

D. It is better for children to go to day care so that both parents can work.

E. It is cruel to kill animals for their meat. Everyone should be vegetarians.

F. Eating meat is an important part of a diet. I would never be a vegetarian.

G. If I see someone making a mistake, I will tell them and give them advice.

H. I let people make their own mistakes. That's how they learn.

J. I would never wear uncomfortable shoes just because they were pretty.

K. I wear pretty shoes, even if they are uncomfortable.

L. Dogs should not be allowed in stores. People should leave their dogs at home.

M. It's OK for people to take dogs with them wherever they go.

N. When playing a game, I always try to win.

O. When I play a game, it's just for fun. I don't care who wins.

P. I pay my kids to make good grades at school.

Q. I don't believe in paying kids to make good grades. I just expect them to do it.

R. I prefer an older house with lots of architectural details.

S. I prefer a modern house with minimalist design.

T. I never attend sporting events. I'm not interested in sports.

U. I enjoy going to sporting events. I even enjoy watching them on TV.

Answer these questions:

1. What do you like best about your home city?
2. If you could live in any city in the world, where would you live? Why would you live there?
3. When you were in school did you usually sit in the front of the class, middle of the class or back of the class? Why
4. When you were in school, did you have a teacher that inspired you? Talk about that.
5. What is something that has disappointed you?
6. What is the secret to keeping good friends?
7. Has your city experienced any disasters such as earthquakes, volcanic eruptions, tsunamis or others? Does your city have a disaster plan?
8. What is the most helpful thing to do to improve your English?
9. Are teenagers different today than when you were a teen? How?
10. What is your favorite room in your house? Describe it. Tell what you do there.

More Practice with Blended Sounds:

BL: blink, blue, blow, blade Blame the blond woman with the blue and black hat.
CL: clean, clip, clock, close. Clean the clock with clear water..
FL: flow, fluid, flight, flame Did you see the fly on the flower? Did you see the flamingo flying?
GL: gloves, glue, glide The duck is gliding across the glacier.
PL: play, please, pliers. Please don't play with the pliers.
SL: sleet, slave, slide We slowly slid on our slippery sled.

- 1-Which of the sounds above give you the most trouble?
- 2-Are there any blended sounds that are hard for you to pronounce?