

FUMC ESL 2-29-2024 High Intermediate and Advanced Lesson

Introduce yourself. Tell where you are from and where you live now. Tell something you'd like to learn to do (other than learn English).

More Confusing Phrasal Verbs:

follow up or follow-up

The doctor said I would need to _____ the surgery with physical therapy.
At my _____ visit, my doctor said my blood pressure was still high. I will need to take medicine to lower it.

try it out or tryout

The _____ for the dance team will be tomorrow.
I didn't buy my bicycle online because I wanted to _____ before buying.

wake up wake up call

I didn't trust my alarm clock, so I asked the hotel receptionist to give me a _____ call at 6.
I usually _____ before my alarm rings.

work around or workaround

The software still has a few glitches, but we've come up with a _____ that we think will work.
There will be construction in our office this morning, so we will just have to _____ all the mess.

line up and lineup

The police asked if I could pick the robber out of a _____.
Everyone _____ by height, tallest to shortest.

drop out or dropout

If I can't get a scholarship, I'll have to _____ of school.
Mother doesn't like my boyfriend because he is a high school _____.

get away or getaway

The bank robbers had a man sitting outside the bank in a _____ car.
I can't wait to move so I can _____ from my mean neighbors.

Tell the meaning of these adages. Then read the paragraphs before and decide which adage fits with the paragraph.

- a- Blood is thicker than water.
- b- The apple doesn't fall far from the tree.
- c- Birds of a feather flock together
- d- Don't bite the hand that feeds you.
- e- Don't put the cart before the horse.
- f- Forewarned is forearmed.
- g- If you can't stand the heat get out of the kitchen.
- h- Necessity is the mother of invention.

- i- The proof of the pudding is in the eating.
- j- There's more than one way to skin a cat.
- k- Too many cooks spoil the broth.
- l- Where there's smoke there's fire.
- m- You can lead a horse to water but you can't make him drink.
- n- Beggars can't be choosers.
- o- Many hands make light work.

1. Billy is always late. He never arrives on time. He is exactly like his father.
2. Jeremy is so rude to his grandfather. He never makes time to visit him and doesn't even return his phone calls. What makes it bad is that his grandfather is paying for Jeremy's schooling.
3. Sara is making plans to spend the money she expects to win in the contest. She should wait to make sure she actually wins the contest before she plans how to spend the money.
4. I wanted to let you know that there may be some protesters at your speech. I figured you would want to know in advance so you could plan for it.
5. I had a dinner party for twenty people. I made tamales and enchiladas. My mother and all three of my sisters came over the day before the party and helped me make all the food. With all of us working, it didn't take much time at all.
6. I feel sorry for Jane. Her new job requires her to negotiate good deals for her company. Sometimes the meetings get very hostile when the parties can't agree on a price. She complains about how stressful her job is. If she can't deal with the pressure, she should just quit.
7. I don't really like the house we are buying, but we don't have much choice because we simply don't have the money to buy the house we really want.
8. There are lots of rumors that the city council member is dishonest and cheating the taxpayers. I don't know if the rumors are true. But I wonder what started the rumors if there wasn't at least some truth in them.
9. Our sales force used to travel all the time. But since Covid, the sales force has worked from home and contacted their clients by phone. Not having a traveling sales force saves the company a lot of money. But we aren't sure whether our sales will stay high. We'll look at the sales figures over the last couple of years and that will tell us whether the change worked.
10. The boss insisted on trying his solution to a problem we had at work. His solution didn't work, but it's not the end of the world. There are lots of ways we can try to fix the problem.

Discussion:

1-What is convenient about your house/apartment? What is inconvenient?

2-What do you wish your neighborhood had? (i.e. pool, playground, grocery store, sidewalks...)

3-Do you go downtown often? What do you do downtown?

4-Do you prefer to live in a busy area with lots of shops and restaurants or a quiet neighborhood?

5-Do you prefer to live in an area with lots of singles and young married couples? Or do you prefer a family neighborhood?

6-Is it important to live near bus and train routes?

7-Would you live in a high crime neighborhood if the rent was really cheap?

8-Are there many families with children that live near you? Are there many older people in your neighborhood?

9-How many of your neighbors do you know? Do you socialize with them?

10-Is there a neighborhood watch program in your neighborhood?

11-Do you feel safe in your neighborhood?

12-Have you had any problems with any of your neighbors?