

FUMC ESL 2-5-2024 High Intermediate and Advanced Lesson

Introduce yourself. Tell where you are from and where you live now. Tell how long you have lived in the U.S. and how long you expect to stay in the U.S. Tell how long you have participated in our classes.

This part of the lesson is the same as the high beginning level because it is about using prepositions. Prepositions can be difficult for everyone, whether they are just learning English or speak it well.

For example, we say, "in the morning", "in the afternoon", but "at night". Why?

We say, "get on the plane", "get on the train," "get on the bus", but "get in the car". Why?

Don't worry about trying to find a reason. Some prepositions just have to be memorized. Let's practice the most commonly used prepositions, ON, AT and IN.

Read the sentences and put ON, AT or IN in the blank. In some sentences there might be two correct answers.

1. The book is _____ the table.
2. The pens are _____ the drawer.
3. The women are _____ the market.
4. We live _____ Seattle.
5. He was standing _____ the corner of Lavaca and Twelfth St.
6. Mother is _____ the kitchen making dinner.
7. The children are _____ school.
8. _____ his speech, the mayor warned about water shortages.
9. Put the chairs _____ the patio.
10. Write the vocabulary words _____ your notebook.
11. I do all my work _____ home.
12. She was born _____ the twentieth century.
13. She rides her bicycle _____ the sidewalk.
14. There is no one _____ home. The family are _____ the wedding.
15. Mother is not _____ good health.
16. She hates water. She only feels safe _____ land.
17. She will be here _____ twenty minutes.
18. The teacher smiled _____ the new girl.
19. When you finish your test, hand it _____.
20. She pasted the picture _____ the first page of her notebook.
21. The boy threw a rock _____ the mean dog.
22. Her clothes are always _____ style.

23. She stood _____ the top step.
24. She stood _____ the top of the stairs.
25. Five of every marriages end _____ divorce.
26. We are leaving _____ six o'clock.
27. The paper was written _____ Spanish, so I couldn't read it.
28. The alarm will go off _____ midnight.
29. He is always _____ a good mood.
30. The garage is _____ the left side of the house.
31. We went to Houston _____ business.
32. They went _____ a trip.
33. It's scary to go outside _____ night.
34. My son passed the test. _____ fact he made one of the highest grades.
35. My son is _____ the basketball team.

Understanding the U. S. Presidential Election

This year, 2024, we will elect a president. Our current president, Joe Biden, has served for four years. 2024 is the last year of his first term. U.S. presidents can be elected to serve a second four year term. U.S. presidents may not serve more than two terms.

The U.S. has a two party system. One party is the Democratic Party. The other party is the Republican Party. Many citizens are unhappy with the candidates running for president. They are hoping to start a third party. But it is almost impossible for a third party candidate to get elected.

Party primaries are elections held during 2024 to determine who the Democratic and Republican candidates will be. For the Democrats, it will be Joe Biden. For the Republicans it will be either Donald Trump or Nikki Haley. People will vote in the primaries to decide.

Once the candidates have been decided, the candidates will prepare for the general election on November 5th. They will try to convince citizens that they would be the best president. The general election where the president will be chosen is on November 5th.

1. How many years does a president serve?
2. How many terms can he serve?
3. What are the two main parties?
4. What happens in the primaries?
5. When will the president be chosen?
6. How does this compare to your country's political system?
7. What other questions do you have about American elections.