

FUMC ESL 3-25-2024 High Intermediate and Advanced Lesson

Introduce yourself. Tell where you are from and where you live now. What project are you working on right now? When do you expect to finish it?

Practicing Inferences

Inferences are conclusions you reach based on indirect evidence.

Example:

Brenda: I wouldn't eat that if I were you. That toddler just stuck his finger into it.

What is Brenda trying to say?

Answer: Brenda is suggesting that the toddler might have put germs on the food and if you eat it, you might get sick.

1-When George arrives home, he takes off his muddy boots and leaves them by the back door. If his jeans are dusty or muddy, he takes them off as well. George's wife, Alice, leaves a special bin by the door for him to put his dirty work clothes in.

What can you infer about what the interior of George and Alice's home looks like? Would you expect it to be dirty or clean? Why?

2- **Sandra:** I heard your next door neighbor is very sick and probably won't live through the night.

Haley: Well, that's one funeral I certainly won't be going to.

What can you conclude about Sandra's feelings for her neighbor?

3-It was dark. Tammy heard footsteps behind her. She quickened her pace. The footsteps got faster. She started to run.

What is Tammy probably thinking?

4-Rebecca walks into the office with her hand in the air. She has a big smile on her face and a new diamond ring on her finger.

What can you infer about Rebecca?

5-It was late, a little after midnight. Tim and Carol were curled up on the sofa watching a scary movie. Suddenly there was a loud knocking at the door. They looked at each other.

What were they thinking?

6-Jessica comes into the office. When she looks at her fellow employees, they put their head down and look away. Everyone in the office seems to be looking at something besides her. Then her boss steps out of his office and says in a stern voice, "Jessica, come into my office. There is something I need to tell you."

What do you think the boss is going to tell Jessica?

7-The woman buckled her seat belt and tightly gripped the arm rest. She looked straight ahead and quietly muttered a prayer as the plane went down the runway.

What can you infer about the woman?

8- The teacher said, "Robby, what is my cell phone doing inside your desk?" Robby looked startled and stammered, "Uh, I,I ... don't know.

What can you infer about Robby?

9-Jack woke up. He could hear the roosters crowing. The smell of coffee brewing was in the air.

What can you infer about the time of day?

10-Though most birds migrate to avoid harsh winter conditions, blue jays and cardinals do not. They are able to find adequate food supplies year round.

What can you infer about migratory birds food supply?

Using Idioms: Match each situation with one of the idioms in the table.

cutting corners	getting out of hand	calling it a day
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1-The protest went well at the beginning. People listened to the speakers and paraded with their signs. But as the night wore on, more people arrived who had been drinking. They started to shout and throw bottles. Eventually they began to break the windows of some storefronts.

2-Jack and his crew had worked hard all day, starting at 6AM. By sunset, they were all worn out and decided to quit work.

3-To their dismay, Lisa and Ted found that the builder of their new house took some shortcuts in construction and used the cheapest materials in order to save money. The result was that some of the windows didn't completely close, the toilets leaked water onto the bathroom floor when they were flushed and the paint was already peeling off of their kitchen cabinets.

Read the paragraph and answer the questions:

Deer populations have grown dramatically in the northeast United States in the last 20 years. Many residents are happy to have deer in their communities, but many others see them as a menace. Deer often wander into traffic, cause automobile accidents, trample lawns, eat flowers, and host insects that carry disease. Therefore many residents are determined to restrict their movements, fence them out, or even eliminate them altogether.

Why did the author use the adverb "**dramatically**" in the first line?

A **menace** is a person or thing that is likely to cause harm. Read these sentences and explain what the forms of the word menace mean in each sentence.

a—A hurricane **menaced** the east coast.

b—The defendant made a **menacing** gesture to the jury.

Give an example of a menacing gesture.

What does “trample” mean in the third line?

In stating that many people are **determined to eliminate** the deer, the author means that they:

a-want to decide what to do

b-support their increase

c-insist on reducing them

d-favor enlarging the herd

Discuss:

Many neighborhoods in Austin have been plagued by overpopulations of deer. The deer come into people's yards and devour the flowers and other plants. They leave a lot of deer poop in the yard. People in the neighborhood disagree about what should be done. Some are in favor of trapping and re-locating the deer. But others enjoy watching the deer in their yard and don't want to see them go.

What is your opinion on this issue?

Another problem in many Austin neighborhoods are wild coyotes living in the greenbelts and woods near people's homes. They often come into yards at night and have been known to kill and eat small pets left outside. Many are in favor of trapping the coyotes, but others say they were here before humans were and should be left alone.

What is your opinion? Do you have similar problems with wildlife in your country?