

FUMC ESL 3-28-2024 High Intermediate and Advanced Lesson

Introduce yourself. Tell where you are from and where you live now.
Have you adjusted to life in the U.S.?
What problems have you had here?

Read these short stories and explain what is happening in your own words. Answer the questions.

Jan has been in the U.S. for a year. She is **adjusting** to life here. She has taken English courses. She understands almost all of the English she hears. She can speak English **pretty well**. Jan **passed** her driver's test and got a driver's license. She and her husband bought a **used car**. So life for Jan is good. Except that Jan is **bored**. Both children are in school now. They leave for school early in the morning. She picks them up in the afternoon. While the children are in school, Jan cleans the house. She shops for groceries. Then she has several hours before school is out and she picks up the kids.

She talks to a friend, Li, about her **boredom**. She asks Li, "What do you do during the middle of the day when the kids are at school?" Li says she attends an exercise class at the YMCA three days a week. She also volunteers at the food bank in town. She organizes the food on the shelves and helps people find what they want. Jan likes the idea of exercising. She also likes the idea of volunteering to help others. She thinks she will follow Li's suggestions and enroll in the exercise class. Li offered to take her to the food bank the first time so she could introduce Jan to the director. Jan will go with Li. She might decide to work in the food bank. Jan is excited to have some things to do while the kids are at school and her husband is at work.

1. What has Jan done to adjust to living in the U.S.? What things did you do to adjust to living in the U.S.?
2. What is Jan's problem?
3. Are you ever bored living here? How is your life different now than when you lived in your home country?
4. What does Li do during the day to keep busy?
5. If you had a friend like Jan, what would you suggest she do?
6. What is Jan excited about?
7. Tell about your life in the U.S. What problems did you struggle with here? What advice would you give new arrivals?

Olivia is interested in taking English classes at the community college. She calls the college and asks about the classes. Read the conversation.

Olivia: Hello, my name is Olivia Cortez. I am interested in taking English classes. I am from Mexico. I took English classes in Mexico. But I can't understand Americans. They talk fast. I need to study English here. A friend told me I can take classes at this community college.

Registrar: We have classes that will help you, but this semester is almost over. The summer semester will begin in June. You must take a placement test before you can register for classes. The placement test will tell which class you belong in. Registration will begin April 15th.

1. Why does Olivia want to take English classes?
2. What kind of test must Olivia take?
3. When does registration begin?
4. Did you take English classes in your home country?
5. Have you taken English classes here?
6. Where have you taken English classes?

Jen: How is Granny doing? Has she recovered from the fall?

Tate: Yes, she's doing well. She was in the hospital while they **repaired** her hip, but she's **back on her feet** now. In a few weeks she'll be **fit as a fiddle**.

Jan: I'm so glad to hear it. When I visited her in the hospital after the surgery, she was **as pale as a ghost**. I was really worried about her. Sometimes a bad fall can be **deadly** in someone as old as Granny.

1. Give a brief summary of this conversation.
2. Did Granny have surgery on her hip?
3. Is Granny **bedridden**?
4. Was Jan worried that Granny might die?

Circle all the words that will fit in the blank.

1-This movie is not _____ for young children.
obedient appropriate well-suited tortuous

2-I can't figure out how to put this together. The instructions are very _____.
complex complicated tangled compound

3-The head of our department _____ me about teaching an advanced class.
requested reached out to proposal approached

4-As the airplane _____ the runway, it began to lose altitude.
proposed requested approached reached

5-My wife travels a lot for business. It is hard to _____ where she is each week.
keep track of scan monitor supervise

6-The swings on the playground were _____ off because of the injuries that have occurred lately.
faced expanded fenced traced

7-That door provides the only _____ to the science labs.
access connection route acquisition

DISCUSS: With what time is remaining. Ask your fellow students, or your teacher questions that would help you get to know them better.