

FUMC ESL 4-15-2024 High Intermediate and Advanced Lesson

Introduce yourself. Tell where you are from and where you live now. Where would you like to live if you could live anywhere?

Choose the right word.

1. When it's cold and rainy out, I like to (smuggle/ snuggle) up in bed and read a good book
2. Turn the dog (lose /loose) and I'll walk him home.
3. The burglar (snitched / snatched) the woman's purse and ran down the street.
4. I don't approve of any (violence / violent) toward women.
5. She tore off a (stripe / strip) of paper and wrote her phone number on it.
6. After you wash all the plates, (stack / stake) them and put them into the cabinet.
7. Ted (squandered / squabbled) all the money he made on horse racing.
8. I don't know how to (solve / solution) this problem.
9. I (herd / heard) the teacher talking, but I couldn't tell what she was saying.
10. They lived in a tiny (shock / shack) in the woods.

Read and Discuss:

There was a couple who had two children, a boy and a girl. The couple loved their children and created a loving home for them both. When the children grew up, they both married. The daughter remained close to her parents. When she had children, she invited her mother and father to spend time with the grandchildren. During the holidays, she invited her parents to her home to celebrate with her family. The son didn't invite his parents over much. The son's wife enjoyed being with her own mother and father, but not so much with her husband's family. So, his parents were seldom invited to see the grandkids or to spend holidays with them. The boy's parents were sad that they weren't welcomed into their son's home, but they didn't want to make a fuss, so they tried not to be hurt by it.

Over time, the son began to feel more distant from his parents. He spent much more time with his wife's family than with his own. When he and his wife wanted to buy a bigger house, he thought to himself, "I can't really afford to buy a bigger house, but when I was growing up, my parents would always buy things that I needed. I'll ask them to help me buy a house for our family." But to his surprise, when he asked his parents to help him buy a house, they said they were very sorry, but they couldn't help. They explained that they were retired now and had to save their money for their old age. They just didn't have money to spare.

The boy was disappointed. When he told his wife, she was angry. "Your parents have plenty of money," she said. "They could help us if they really wanted to." Listening to his wife, the son became angry too. He decided he would tell his parents that they were no longer welcome at his home. He told them he never wanted to see them again. His parents were very sad and

deeply hurt. But what could they do? They wondered why their son would say such things to them.

1-What do you think of this story?

2-Do you think it's the nature of things that daughters stay more closely attached to their parents than sons?

3-Do you think the son and his wife were right to be angry with his parents?

4-If you were these parents, what would you do?

Practice Speaking

1. How old were you when you flew the first time?

2. Does it make you nervous to fly?

3. Did you ever experience something on a plane that scared you?

4. What do you do to occupy yourself on a long flight?

5. Have you ever had anything confiscated at an airport security check?

6. Have you ever flown in a helicopter? Talk about it.

7. Do you usually check luggage or do you carry on everything?

8. Have you ever had a problem getting through customs?

9. Are you nervous when you go through customs?

10. Have you ever accidentally brought something into the country that was not allowed? What happened?

11. What is the longest flight you've ever taken?

12. Have you ever flown a long distance with a baby? How did that go?

13. When you travel within your home country, do you usually fly, drive, take the train or bus?

14. Are there any countries you consider too unsafe to visit?

15. Do you like to travel alone, or does that make you nervous?