

FUMC ESL High Intermediate and Advanced Lesson

Introduce yourself. Tell where you are from and where you live now.

Read these three quotes by Winston Churchill. Explain what Churchill meant. Which quote do you like the best?

1-If you're going through hell, keep going.

2-Success consists of going from failure to failure without loss of enthusiasm.

3-A lie gets halfway around the world before the truth has a chance to get its pants on.

What are you enthusiastic about?

Do you think it is difficult to tell if someone is being truthful?

Advanced Vocabulary for Academic Writing

The words on the right side of the table are more advanced and formal than the words that mean the same on the left side. Read the definitions on the left side, then make a sentence with the words on the right side. Teachers help with corrections, please.

INFORMAL WORD	FORMAL WORD
think up	conceive
go against	contradict
show	demonstrate
live	reside
cause	trigger
very important	crucial
give a false impression	distort
how often it occurs	incidence
happens in many places	widespread

1-What is a technology we have now that no one could have **conceived** of one hundred years ago? Do you think we are better off for having it?

2-In your culture, is it acceptable to **contradict** a teacher if you believe they are wrong? Do you think it should be acceptable to contradict a teacher?

3-Some students designed an experiment to test people's honesty when tempted with various amounts of money. They dropped a wallet in a hotel lobby and waited to see if people would turn it in to the desk clerk, or keep it for themselves. What they found surprised them. The more money that was in the wallet, the more honest people were. Around half of the people turned the wallet in when there was a dollar bill inside. But when there was a 100 dollar bill inside, 72% of the people turned in the wallet. This experiment **demonstrated** that people are generally honest. Does this surprise you? The study was done in 40 different countries. In some countries, only 10% of the people returned the wallet. While in others over 80% did. In countries with higher rates of primary education, the wallets were turned in more often. Why do you think this is? How would you gauge the level of honesty in your country? How do you train children to be honest?

4-What is the longest you have **resided** in one place? Did you choose to live there or was it just where you grew up or where you found a job? Where would you live if you could live anywhere?

5-What **triggered** you move to the United States? Now that you are here, are you having second thoughts about your decision to move here?

6-Do you think the media sometimes **distorts** the facts? Do most people in your country trust the media to tell them the truth?

7-The U.S. has a high **incidence** of diabetes. Doctors agree this is related to high rates of obesity. Is obesity and diabetes a problem in your country?

8-Coronavirus proved to be more **widespread** than people originally thought. There was hope in March of 2020 that it could be contained. But it spread rapidly all over the world. Does it worry you that world-wide pandemics will become more common? What steps will you take to keep yourself and your family safe from exposure to pandemics?

PRACTICE SPEAKING

1. How was your life different before everyone had cell phones?
2. What do you use your cell phone for most of the time?
3. Do you ever turn your cell phone off in order to disconnect with the world?
4. What complaints do you have about cell phones?
5. At what age would you buy your child a cell phone?
6. Do you think people should be prohibited from using their cell phone while driving?
7. What are the rules about cell phone use in your country?
8. Do you feel like you waste a lot of time on your cell phone? What do you waste time doing?

9. What is an example of rude cell phone behavior?
10. What app on your phone do you use most often?
11. Do you use a translation app on your cell phone? Is that helpful?
12. Do cell phones make it hard for people to pay attention?