

FUMC ESL 4-22-2024 High Beginning and Low Intermediate Lesson

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

Reviewing Pronouns. Some students asked for more pronoun lessons as it is still confusing to some. So here you are. Choose the correct word.

1. I looked everywhere, but **(I / me / mine)** couldn't find my shoes.
2. Are those **(their / theirs / them)** books? No, those are **(our / ours / ourselves)**.
3. Bob always tries to sit next to **(she / her / herself)**.
4. Which one is **(my / mine)**?
5. Our team scored as many goals as **(they / them / themselves)**.
6. I am one year older than **(he / him/ himself)** and **(she / her / herself)** is two years older than **(I / me / myself)**. **NOTE:** *Most of us older folks were taught in school to say, "I am older than she." The teacher explained that the verb "is" is understood. So we would say, "I am older than she is." However, over time this has changed. If no verb follows the last pronoun, it is treated as an object of the preposition. So, "I am older than her," is now accepted as correct as well. Language rules change over time, especially when it is difficult for native speakers to know the correct form.*
7. That purse belongs to **(I / me / my / myself / mine)**. It is **(me / mine / myself)**.
8. That is **(I / me / mine / my / myself)** purse.
9. He couldn't carry the heavy box **(he / him / himself)**, so **(she and I / her and me / herself and myself)** helped him.
10. Let **(he / him / his / himself)** in when he knocks on the door. *(Remember "you" is the understood subject in this sentence.)*
11. You and **(I / me)** can move the furniture **(myself / yourselves / ourselves)**.
12. He was so proud of **(he / him / himself)** for making the cake without any help.
13. Can I use **(your / yours)** book? I lost **(me / my / mine)**.
14. That is **(your / yours / yourself)**, isn't it?
15. Help **(you / yours / yourself)** to the cookies. I just baked **(it /them)**.
16. **(Your / Yours)** is the red bike. **(Me / mine)** is the blue one.
17. He cooked **(our / ours)** food on the grill.
18. Bobby is a cousin of **(my / mine)**. Jan is also **(my / mine)** cousin.
19. Most children do their homework **(theirselves / themselves/ ourselves)**.
20. A few children can't do it **(themselves / themselves)**. Parents must help **(they / them / ours / themselves)**.

Read this story. Ask questions about any sentences you don't understand. After each paragraph, explain what happened in the story and answer the questions..

Jim was Jabari's professor. Jabari really liked Jim. And Jim liked Jabari. Jim wanted Jabari and his wife, Nala, to visit his home. Jim wanted Jabari and Nala to meet his wife. So Jim invited Jabari and Nala to his home for dinner. Jabari and Nala had never been in an American's home. They were excited about going. But they were also nervous. How should they dress? How should they behave? They wanted to use good manners, but they didn't know exactly what to do.

1. Who was Jim?
2. Who is Jabari's wife?
3. What did Jim want Jabari to do?
4. What were Jabari and Nala's feelings about the invitation?

They wondered if they should take a gift, like flowers or a bottle of wine? Jabari and Nala don't drink alcohol. But they knew Jim and his wife drank wine. Would it be rude to say, "No, thank you" if Jim offered wine. Nala did not eat meat. Should Nala tell Jim right away that she didn't eat meat, so his wife could prepare some vegetables. Or should Nala just say, "No, thank you" when the meat was served. What should Nala do if the meat was mixed in with the vegetables?

1. What are some examples of a gift Jabari and Nala might take?
2. Do you think Jim will probably serve wine with dinner?
3. Is it rude to turn down food you are offered?

Nala didn't know how to dress. Should she wear slacks and a casual blouse? Jabari and Nala did not wear shoes inside their home. If someone visited their home, they took off their shoes at the door. Jabari and Nala gave the guests sandals or slippers to wear inside the house. In Jim's house should they take their shoes off or keep them on? Should they take their own sandals or slippers to wear inside the house?

1. What do Jabari and Nala give their guests when they come inside?
2. Is it rude for Jabari and Nala to request guests to take off their shoes?

Jim said to come at 7 PM. In Jabari and Nala's native country, if someone invited you for 7 PM, you usually wouldn't arrive until around 8 or 9. Jabari thought 7 PM was very early to eat dinner. In his country dinner was usually served around 9 or 10 PM. Why did Jim ask them to come so early? What would they talk about for 3 hours before they ate?

1. Do people often arrive late in Jabari's country?

2. What time do people usually eat dinner in Jabari's country? In your country?
3. Jabari is worried about what to talk about before dinner. What are some ideas of what he should talk about?

In Jabari and Nala's country, people ate from a big central bowl or plate in the middle of the table. Is that the way the meal would be served at Jim's house? In Jabari and Nala's country, the men were served before the women. The women would not eat until all the men and the children had been served. Jabari thought that was not the way Americans do it. Should Jabari start eating before Nala and Jim's wife?

1. How is the food served in Jabari's country?
2. How is food served in an American home?
3. Who eats first in your country?

As time passed, Jabari and Nala had more and more questions. They became more and more nervous about going to Jim's house. They were thinking about telling Jim they couldn't come. It was just too stressful.

4. What should Jabari and Nala do? Should they go to the dinner or make an excuse?
5. Pretend you are Jabari's friend. Answer all of Jabari and Nala's questions?
6. Have you eaten in an American's home? Were there any things that surprised you?
7. Were you embarrassed about eating in an American's home?
8. Explain the eating customs in your country that are different than here. What customs would you tell an American tourist about before they went to eat at a native person's home? What are the most important things to know.
9. Is it OK to touch your food with your fingers in your country?
10. What kinds of food do Americans usually eat with their fingers?
11. Do you sympathize with Jabari and Nala's fears? Have you ever felt fearful when invited to an American's home?
12. Would you ever host Americans in your home? Would you prepare them American food or your country's traditional dishes?
13. Do you usually eat dinner with the whole family at the table, or do family members eat at different times?
14. Do you ever skip a meal?
15. Do you pray before you eat?