

FUMC ESL 4-22-2024 High Intermediate and Advanced Lesson

Introduce yourself. Tell where you are from and where you live now. Tell one way you have changed in the last few years. You could answer this by saying, "I've become more _____."

Adjectives that might work in this sentence include: ambitious, patient, determined, relaxed, serious, self-confident, creative, independent, carefree, cautious, hopeful, grumpy, tolerant

REVIEW: Last week you learned some new vocabulary. Today we'll practice with these same words. In this exercise, choose the right vocabulary word to replace the underlined word or phrase in the sentences.

widespread	triggers	distort	resides
crucial	contradicts	conceived	demonstrate

1. The study was thought up in order to test the honesty of citizens.
2. Our work goes against the findings of an earlier study.
3. This study serves the very important purpose of identifying those who are most likely to cheat on the exams.
4. Cheating is happening in many places in elite universities.
5. The vaccination causes a reaction in the immune system.
6. In a democratic society, the power lives with the people.
7. The comments made by that reporter give a false idea of the truth.
8. The studies we did show that cheating is a big problem.

1-If the incidence of asthma in children is increasing, what is actually going up?

- a-the seriousness of asthma attacks
- b-the number of children with asthma

2-If a historian distorts the facts, does he/she present them

- a-accurately
- b-clearly
- c-in a misleading fashion

Talking About Change

*The conversations below involve people whose lives are changing. There are some vocabulary words you might not know. Before you read the conversations, **match** these vocabulary words to the correct definition in the table below.*

gradually	change your behavior to fit a new situation
depressed	gradually gets worse with no hope of getting better
degenerative	successful and respected
adapt	changing slowly over time

avid	telling people what to do in a way that is annoying
bossy	feeling sad and miserable
distinguished	having a keen interest in something

Jan: My grandmother **fell ill** and died recently. She had managed to **stay healthy** for most of her life. She was almost one hundred years old. **At the end**, she **developed** pneumonia and passed away within a couple of weeks.

Linda: I'm sorry to hear that. I really respected your grandmother. She **remained active** as she aged. I frequently saw her walking in the neighborhood. I hope I can **keep active** as I **grow old**.

1. What has changed recently?
2. What did Grandmother develop?
3. Do "died" and "passed away" mean the same thing?
4. What does Linda hope she will be able to do as she grows old?

Brenda: If my aunt doesn't leave soon, I might **go mad**.

Terri: Haha. She **drives you crazy**?

Brenda: Yes. I have **come to regret** asking her to stay with us. She was fine the first few weeks. But she has **turned into a nag**. She is constantly reminding me to clean up the kitchen or get the ironing done. My aunt **has grown more bossy** as she **has grown old**.

Terri: My advice is to **keep smiling**. My mood usually improves if I force myself to smile and be cheerful.

1. What does Brenda regret?
2. What does her aunt do that is annoying?
3. Is there anyone in your family who drives you crazy when they visit?
4. Have you come to regret any decision you made earlier?
5. What has happened to the aunt as she has grown old?
6. Do you know anyone whose personality changed when they grew old?
7. What is Terri's advice? Do you agree with this advice?
8. Do you have any secrets on how to turn a bad mood into a good one?

Sara: College has really **changed** Rob. He is **becoming** more mature and **self-confident** every day. I hear he is interested in **becoming** a doctor.

Tom: I agree. He has really **grown in his ability to express** himself. I have enjoyed **getting to know** him this summer while he worked in our clinic. I am **getting used to** having him around. I will miss him when it is time for him to return to school. I have **come to realize** how much we depended on him this summer. He told me he just **turned twenty** this summer. I couldn't believe he was so young. He seems much older.

1. What has changed Rob?

2. In what ways does Sara think Rob has grown?
3. What is Rob interested in becoming?
4. What has Tom come to realize?
5. How old did Rob turn this summer? Does he seem older than that?
6. Do people usually think you seem older or younger than you are?
7. What have you experienced that changed you the most?

Dana: Charlie is very young to have grey hair. He is only 40.

Susan: Charlie **went grey** very early, but I think grey hair looks good on him. He looks very **distinguished**.

Dana: My husband is **going bald**. His father **went bald** by the time he was 30, so I expect my husband will too. When his hair first began to fall out, I was upset about it. But I'm **getting used to it** now. He's **going to start** shaving his head.

Susan: I like men with shaved heads. I think it looks cool.

1. What changed for Charlie?
2. What is changing for Dana's husband?
3. How does Dana feel about her husband's hair problem?
4. What is Dana's husband going to start doing?
5. How does Susan feel about men with shaved heads?
6. Do you have an opinion about the way your husband wears his hair?

Dell: Mother has a **degenerative** eye disease. She is **gradually going blind**.

Tina: I'm so sorry. Your mother is such an **avid** reader. I know she must be **going mad** to think she'll not be able to read. And your mother always loved to walk. Once she goes blind, she won't be able to walk. She must **be so depressed**.

Dell: Actually, she's **adapting** well to her situation. She gets audio books from the library and listens to all the newest novels. And she has a guide dog to assist her on her walks in the neighborhood. All the neighbors know she is **losing her sight**, so they **watch out** for her.

Tina: I'm happy she is **managing** so well.

1. What does Dell's mom have?
2. Eventually Dell's mother will lose her ability to _____.
3. What two things does Dell's mother enjoy doing?
4. Is Dell's mom depressed?
5. How is Dell's mom adapting to the change?
6. Do you think you would be able to adapt to losing your sight, hearing or sense of taste?

Prepositions:

In some sentences, we can leave the prepositions out. EX: Incorrect: We discussed about our plans. Correct: We discussed our plans. Incorrect: She married with a friend of mine.

Correct: She married a friend of mine.

Read these sentences. Which sentences must have the preposition in bold? Which sentences can you leave the preposition out?

1. The dog's barking prevented me **from** sleeping.
2. He's clever, but he lacks **of** experience.
3. His lack **of** experience gets him in trouble.
4. The child does not resemble **to** his parents.
5. The train is now approaching **to** London station.
6. See you **on** next Monday.
7. The caterpillar turned **into** a butterfly.
8. Take the medicine three times **in** a day.
9. The policeman approached **to** me and asked for my passport.
10. They will return **to** home later today.