

FUMC ESL 4-25-2024 High Beginning and Low Intermediate Lesson

Introduce yourself. Tell where you are from and where you live now. What country would you like to visit. EX: I haven't been to Iceland, but I would like to visit there.

Read and answer the questions:

On Monday, we read about Jabari and Nala. They had been invited to Jabari's professor's home. They were excited and nervous about it. Let's find out what happened.

Jabari and Nala were nervous about going to Jim's house for dinner. They thought about not going. But they decided that would be rude. So they went to dinner at Jim's house.

Nala decided to wear a casual dress. Her dress was made of traditional fabrics like people wore in her country. Jabari wore slacks and a shirt. Nala put some slippers in her purse for her and Jabari. They planned to take off their shoes and wear slippers in Jim's house.

When they arrived, Jim welcomed them. He introduced his wife, Brenda. Brenda complimented Nala on her dress. Brenda said, "The fabric is beautiful. It is so colorful." Nala explained that people in her country liked to wear bright colors.

Jabari explained that their custom was to wear slippers inside the house. He asked Jim if that would be alright. Jim said it would be fine. Jim offered Jabari and Nala some drinks. He offered water, tea, Coke or coffee. He didn't offer wine or beer. Jabari was glad they weren't serving alcohol. Brenda and Nala had water. Jim and Jabari chose tea.

They sat down and talked for a few minutes. Then Brenda said she needed to prepare the salad. Nala asked if she could help. So Brenda and Nala went in the kitchen. Nala sliced the tomatoes while Brenda shredded the lettuce.

At 7:45, everyone sat down to eat. Brenda had prepared roast chicken, rice with onion and eggplant, salad and bread she had baked. Everything was delicious. Nala explained that she didn't eat meat, but she loved the rice with eggplant, the salad and the bread. Nala and Jabari complimented Brenda on the food. It was different than what they normally ate, but it tasted good.

After dinner everyone moved to the living room. Brenda made coffee and brought out a plate of lemon cookies. Nala didn't usually eat American desserts because they were too sweet. But she tried a cookie and it was good.

At 9, Jabari and Nala prepared to leave. They thanked Jim and Brenda for the dinner. They said, "Next time, you must come to our house. I will prepare you a traditional meal." Brenda said, "I would love that. I love trying food from other cultures."

On the way home, Jabari and Nala talked. The dinner was good and Jim and Brenda were very kind. Jabari and Nala felt foolish for worrying about the dinner. They were very glad they

decided to go. But Jabari said, "The only problem is, we ate so early. I'm not used to eating before 9:30 or 10. I think I might get hungry again later this evening." Nala laughed. She said, "Jabari, you are always hungry."

Questions:

1. What did Nala wear?
2. What did Nala put in her purse?
3. Who was Brenda?
4. What drinks did Jim offer?
5. Why did Brenda and Nala go to the kitchen?
6. What did Brenda serve?
7. What did they do after dinner?
8. When did Jabari and Nala leave?
9. Why did Jabari and Nala feel foolish?
10. What was the only problem for Jabari?
11. What did Nala say about Jabari?
12. If you invited an American to your home, what would you prepare to eat?

GRAMMAR: Using THERE and IT

We use THERE when we talk about something for the first time.

EX: There is a new restaurant in my neighborhood.

There was a lot of traffic today.

There are a lot of parks in this city.

We use THERE to mean to/at/in a place.

EX:**There** is a new restaurant in my neighborhood. I went **there** last night.

I went to the theatre last night. There were a lot of people **there**.

IT is a specific thing, place, fact, situation.

EX: We went to the new restaurant. **It** was really good.

I don't like this town. **It's** a boring place.

It is dangerous to walk on the highway.

It didn't take long to get here.

How far is **it** from the airport to your house?

IT is a pronoun that can replace a noun. EX: Where is the house? Where is it?

The movie was great. It was great.

His car is fast. It is fast.

THERE is an adverb. EX: Is Mom there? Put the books there.

Look at these sentences using THERE and IT.

- A. **It** was windy yesterday. **There** was a cold wind.
- B. **It** took a long time to get here. **There** was a lot of traffic.
- C. We live on a busy road. **There** is a lot of noise from traffic. **It** is really noisy in the afternoon.
- D. **There** is a half price special at the restaurant on Friday. What day **is** it today? **It's** Thursday.
- E. Someone told me **there** is a bookstore near here. Yes, **it's** on Main St.
- F. **There** was an accident on the highway. But **it** wasn't serious.

In the blank, write THERE or IT.

- 1. _____ is ice on the sidewalk. Be careful, _____ is very slippery.
- 2. Last winter _____ was very cold and _____ was a lot of snow.
- 3. Is _____ anything good on television? _____ is a good detective show. _____ comes on at 9.
- 4. Are _____ any eggs in the refrigerator?
- 5. _____ will be someone to pick you up at the airport.
- 6. Why was she unfriendly. _____ must have been a reason.
- 7. _____ was a lot of killing in that movie. _____ was too violent for my kids to watch.
- 8. _____ has been a great day!
- 9. You and your wife can stay here. _____ is plenty of room in our house.
- 10. I'm tired. _____ has been a long day.

Practice Speaking

- 1. How are young people in your country different than people your parents or grandparents age?
- 2. In your culture, is it acceptable for a woman to marry a younger man?
- 3. Would you marry someone your parents disapproved of?
- 4. Do you keep up with the friends you had when you were young? Do you still have a lot in common with them?
- 5. Do you use any online language learning programs like Babbel or Rosetta Stone? Which online language learning is the best? What do you like about it?
- 6. Do you ever play board games with adult friends? Which games do you play?
- 7. Do you take a lot of pictures of your family or your vacations? Do you post them online? Do you make photo albums?
- 8. What would you do if your child brought home a friend that was a bad influence on them? Would you tell your child they couldn't be friends with the bad influence?