

FUMC ESL 4-29-2024 High Intermediate and Advanced Lesson

NOTE: May 16th will be the end of the spring semester for our Monday/Thursday classes. We will not have any zoom classes during the summer. Fall classes will begin Thursday, September 5th.

We WILL have an in person Wednesday Discussion Class throughout the summer. Those classes will begin Wednesday, May 22nd. They are open to both high beginning and high intermediate/advanced students. There are no lessons. This is just an opportunity to practice your English in a discussion format.

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

Using GO with Prepositions:

go to: go to bed, go to Mexico, go to the concert, go to the dentist

go on: go on a trip, go on a cruise, go on a vacation

go for: go for a walk, go for a run, go for a swim

We don't need to use "to" if we are going home or here or there.

EX: I am going home. NOT I am going to home.

EX: I will go there first. NOT I will go to there first.

EX: The knives go here and the forks go there. NOT The knives go to here and the forks go to there.

These sentences are easy to understand. But some prepositions change the meaning. Read these paragraphs and explain what the expressions in bold mean.

1. I'm afraid my restaurant business will **go under**. First Covid forced us to close. Now that we can serve customers again, I find out there is a new restaurant **going in** inside the new building that is **going up** across the street.

- (a) Which phrase means closing your business?
- (b) Which phrase means being constructed?
- (c) Which phrase means being installed?
- (d) What are the reasons the restaurant might close?
- (e) The phrase, "find out" means to discover something. EX: I found out the house next door has been sold. What is something you have found out lately? What is something you wish you could find out?

2. I **went through** all the mail, but all I saw were bills. My wife **goes through** so much money every month, I don't know how I can pay all of these bills. My wife needs to learn to **go without** some things.

- (a) Which expression means examined all of something?
- (b) Which means not buy the things you want?
- (c) Which expression means spends a lot?
- (d) What is the husband's complaint?
- (e) Sometimes we have to go without things because there is not enough money. What would you be willing to go without?

3. How long will this meeting **go on**? The custom of long meetings **goes back** to when my dad was president. He always had long meetings. He would **go on and on and on**. Everyone just wanted him to quit talking so we could all **go about our business**. But he could **go on** all day.

- (a) Which phrase means do your work?
- (b) Which phrase means keep talking for a long time?
- (c) Which phrase means continue?
- (d) Which phrase means an earlier tradition?
- (e) Who started the habit of having long meetings?
- (f) What do most of the people at the meeting want?
- (g) Does your company often have meetings that last too long?

4. We drove by our old neighborhood. It has really **gone to the dogs**. All of the houses needed repairs and fresh paint. There was trash in some of the yards and one house had a car parked on the lawn. The neighborhood looked run down. It's a good thing we moved when the neighborhood still looked nice.

- (a) How does she describe the old neighborhood?
- (b) What does she mean by, "It's a good thing we moved..."

5. Telling lies **goes against** my beliefs. I was taught that, "Honesty is the best policy." To tell someone everything will be fine, when we know it won't be is just wrong.

- (a) What goes against this persons beliefs?
- (b) What is something that goes against your beliefs?
- (c) Do you agree that you shouldn't tell someone everything will be OK when you're pretty sure it won't be?

Practice Speaking:

1-When my son was four years old, he told me his dream for the future was to be a fireman. And he wanted to live with us and keep his fire truck parked in the garage. When you were small, what was your dream for the future? Was it an unrealistic dream?

2-Do you often remember your dreams? Do you frequently have nightmares? Does watching violent TV shows before you go to bed give you nightmares?

3-One night my husband woke me up because I was neighing like a horse. I was moving my legs and arms like a horse does when it runs. When he woke me up, I realized I was dreaming about a time when I was little when my girlfriends and I would pretend to be horses. Apparently, in my dreams, I was a horse. Have you ever acted out your dreams by talking, shouting or moving around?

4-Have you ever walked in your sleep?

5-There are dreams you have at night when you're asleep. Then there are dreams that you have when you awake. What do you dream of achieving in the future?

6-There is an idea called "The American Dream". Many people now think that means getting rich. In other words, everyone who comes to America and puts in the work will be able to achieve material success. It means, among other things, owning a nice house and having nice cars and being able to send your kids to an expensive university. But many people disagree with this idea that the American Dream means getting a lot of **money**. Instead they say the American Dream is about **values**, not materialism. It means a guarantee of freedom and fairness, individual rights, freedom from corruption, free and honest elections of leaders, and a guarantee that people can pursue their own faith without prejudice.

What do you think The American Dream means?

Do you think it is still possible for immigrants to achieve the American Dream?