

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

NO CLASS ON MONDAY, APRIL 8TH DUE TO ECLIPSE

Introduce yourself. Tell where you are from and where you live now. What is the most important thing you have ever lost?

The ABC's of silent letters. Almost every letter can be silent sometimes. Today we'll look at A, B and C.

For example, the A in bread is not needed. We could just spell it bred. But bred is the past tense of breed, so that wouldn't work. Same goes for spread and lead (the material) or lead (the opposite of follow).

The B at the end of many words is not pronounced. Try: crumb, dumb, lamb, limb, bomb, climb, comb, numb, thumb, and tomb. Then don't forget debt, doubt and subtle.

C gives all it's power to S in the SC words like science, scent, crescent, obscene, disciple and scissors. And it isn't doing anything in the words acquire, indict or muscle.

We'll check out D, E and F next week. Meanwhile practice pronouncing these words by choosing a few and making a sentence. Try to get at least two words in your sample sentence. EX: My **thumb** was **numb** after I hit it with the hammer.

Vocabulary: Tell what the three words mean and make a sentence with them.

require	inquire	acquire
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What is something you would love to acquire?

Before reading the story below, study the vocabulary and use it to answer the questions.

beloved: an adjective that describes someone who is loved very much. EX: My **beloved** grandmother was the children's favorite person. Who is a **beloved** relative in your family?

elect: choose by voting EX: The students **elect** a class leader each year. **Election** is the noun form of this verb. Have you ever been elected to any position?

imitate: a verb that means to copy the way someone else acts or speaks. **Imitation** is the noun form of this verb. EX: The boy **imitated** the teacher. It was a good **imitation** of the teacher. Are you good at imitating the way other people speak?

sense: a noun that means good understanding or judgment. EX: She has good **sense** even though she is just a child. If you have a good **sense of humor**, you like jokes and funny stories. Do you have a good sense of humor?

promptly: an adverb that means to do something quickly. The adjective form of this word is **prompt**. EX: The boy is **prompt**. He always arrives on time. He **promptly** found his desk and sat down. Are you usually prompt?

notice: a verb that means to be aware of something by seeing it or hearing it. EX: She **noticed** a car parked on the street in front of her house. EX: When people are looking at their cell phone, they don't notice what is happening around them. What have you noticed today?

betray and **traitor:** betray is a verb that means to be disloyal to your country or your leader. A person who does this is a traitor. EX: The soldier told the enemy where the attack would be. He betrayed his country. He is a traitor. The most famous traitor in the American Revolution was General Benedict Arnold. He fought for the Americans in the early years of the war. But in 1779, he secretly told the British that the Americans were planning an invasion of Canada. He also offered to surrender West Point, a major fort to the British. He was caught and hanged. Do you think that is an appropriate punishment for a traitor?

The Monkey and The Fox

When the wise and beloved old king of the jungle died, all the animals got together to elect a new king. Each animal told the others why he would be the best king. When it was the monkey's turn, he put on the old king's crown and his velvet robe. The monkey did a wonderful imitation of the old king. He even made a short speech in the old king's voice.

"It's almost like having our dear king back again," said the animals. They promptly elected the monkey to be their new king. Only the fox disagreed. The fox said, "It is not enough to be able to imitate the king. The monkey is good at that. But the monkey has no sense at all. He is not wise enough to be our leader." But the animals did not listen to the fox.

A few days later the fox noticed a trap in the forest. The people from the zoo had put up the trap to catch the monkey. The fox went to the monkey. "I have found something curious in the jungle," said the fox. "Let's go and look at it," said the monkey.

So they went to the trap. There was a large net with a banana hanging in the middle of it. Quickly, the monkey reached for the banana. As he touched the fruit, the net fell on him. The monkey was caught. The zoo people rushed out and grabbed the monkey. They took him to the zoo. Later, the fox visited the monkey in the zoo.

"You traitor," said the monkey, "You betrayed your king."

"You betrayed yourself," said the fox. "A king who falls for the first trap that has been set for him is not a good king. A king who is so foolish would not serve the animals well," said the fox. And that is the truth.

1. Who died?
2. The animals met together to _____.
3. What did each animal tell?
4. What did the monkey do when it was his turn?
5. Who disagreed with the other animals?
6. What did the fox notice in the forest?
7. How did the monkey get trapped?
8. Why did the monkey call the fox a traitor?
9. What does the fox say to the monkey?
10. What lessons does this story teach?

Practice Your English:

1. Tell about a time you forgot something very important.
2. What is your earliest memory?
3. If you could edit your memories, which one would you erase?
4. What is an important date you need to remember?
5. What is something you will never forget?