

FUMC ESL 5-16-2024 High Intermediate and Advanced Lesson

ANNOUNCEMENT----This is the last class for this semester. Fall classes begin September 5th. We will have a summer in person only discussion class that meets every Wednesday at 1300 Lavaca from 10 to 12. The first discussion class will be next Wednesday, May 22nd. Please feel free to join us.

Introduce yourself. Tell where you are from and where you live now. Fill in the blank: My mother is the best _____ I know. EX: My mother is the best crossword puzzle worker I know.

IDIOMS WITH PUT

1-When you put people on, you tease them. EX: Mike told me he won the lottery, but he was putting me on. (You can't say putting on me)

2-If you feel put upon, you feel like people are taking advantage of you. EX: Mary feels put upon because her daughter drops all three kids off every morning for her to keep all day. (You couldn't say put me upon)

3-If you feel put out, you feel upset or irritated. EX: I was put out when Jeff said he couldn't come to my birthday party. I told him about it months ago and hoped he would put it on his calendar.

4-If you put someone up, you give them a place to stay. EX: My friend lost his house in the hurricane so I agreed to put him up at my house for a while. I volunteered to put my friend up at my house until he had a safe place to stay.

Discuss: Tell about a time when you felt "put upon" (taken advantage of). What makes you feel "put out" with your spouse or your parents?

CONVERSATIONS: Read these conversations with a partner and answer the questions. Then check your answers with the whole group.

Sam and Leslie agreed to babysit for a friend's children so their friends could have a night out.

Sam: I can't put up with these kids any longer. It's time to put them to bed.

Leslie: They are pretty wild. I guess it's all that ice cream we fed them after dinner.

Sam: Maybe we could put them down on the floor in front of the TV and put on a movie. Watching movies usually puts me to sleep.

Leslie: Or maybe we could put them in their beds and turn on some soft music. That always puts me in a relaxing mood.

Sam: Whatever. I don't care what you do with them as long as we put a stop to all this running through the house and screaming. To put it bluntly, I am fed up with these kids.

Leslie: OK, but we need to make them put away all their toys before going to bed. I'm not willing to put in another hour of work cleaning up the house.

Sam: I'll tell them to go put on their pajamas right now.

1. What does Sam think it's time to do?
2. Are the kids quiet and well-mannered?
3. What did Sam and Leslie give the kids after dinner?
4. How will they get the kids to settle down?
5. What puts you in a relaxing mood?
6. What does Sam mean when he says, "To put it bluntly..."?
7. Do you think Sam and Leslie regret agreeing to babysit the kids?

Ken: The company plans to put more money into technology, but I think that's a mistake?

Sandy: Why do you think that? Better technology will make the company more efficient.

Ken: Yes, but the company has a big personnel problem. They should spend money training their sales people. The sales people are so rude to customers that they put people off. We have lost many sales because our customers were insulted. I'm really put out with the situation.

Sandy: I agree we shouldn't put up with rude sales people. Maybe I should put together a training video for them.

1. What does the company want to put more money into?
2. Why does Ken think the company shouldn't invest in technology?
3. Ken says the company has a big _____ problem.
4. What does Ken mean when he says the sales people "put people off"?
5. Are you "put off" by sales people that are rude when you are shopping?
6. Do you think Ken is frustrated and irritated with the sales people?
7. What is Sandy's solution for the rude sales people?

Practice Speaking:

1. What was one of the best decisions you have made?
2. Are there any decisions you made that you wish you could change?
3. If you have an important decision to make, how do you go about deciding?
4. Talk about a time you will never forget.
5. What situations do you find the most stressful?
6. Do you prefer to shop in a small boutique or in a large department store?
7. What kinds of things do you enjoy shopping for?
8. Do the men in your family enjoy shopping? What do they enjoy shopping for?
9. Do you ever read magazines? What kind of magazine do you like to read?
10. Tell something we probably don't know about you.