

FUMC ESL 5-2-2024 High Intermediate and Advanced Lesson

Reminder: May 16th will be the last Monday/Thursday class until September. We will begin the fall semester on September 5th.

We will have an in person only Wednesday Discussion Class open to all our students. If you live in Austin, you might want to come to that class. The Wednesday class will begin May 22nd.

Check our website for schedule updates during the summer.

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

SCHOOL SUPPLIES

Natalie is six years old. She is very excited about starting first grade. When she is at the store with her father, she sees an aisle with school supplies. She stops and looks at all the wonderful supplies. Her father goes to get some milk.

Natalie picks up some pencils. The pencils are pretty colors. There are blue ones and pink ones and lavender ones. She decides she needs to have these colorful pencils. Natalie sees a pink notebook with butterflies on it. She loves pink and she loves butterflies. She decides she needs this notebook. Natalie sees a package of markers. She loves to draw with markers. She decides she needs the markers. Then she thinks, I'll need some paper too. I'd better get some. Natalie keeps finding supplies she needs for school. Soon, she has a large stack of school supplies.

Her father returns with a gallon of milk. "Look, Dad. I found some things I really need for school. Will you buy them for me, please?" Her dad looks at the large stack of school supplies. He says, "These markers are expensive, Natalie. They cost \$8.00. And this notebook with butterflies on it is nice, but we have some old notebooks at home you can use."

Natalie says, "But Dad, I don't want to use the old notebooks. They are Andy's notebooks. They have pictures of cars and dinosaurs on them. I don't like cars or dinosaurs. I like butterflies." Dad says, "Natalie, I know you want these supplies, but, today is June 1st. School doesn't start until September. That is three months away. I don't have any extra money for school supplies today. I can't buy them for you. But I promise, I will save some money for your supplies. At the end of August, we will come back to the store and get the supplies you need. And we will buy you a pink notebook with butterflies."

Natalie was a little sad and disappointed. But her father always bought things for her if she really needed them. She knew he tried to give her what she wanted if he could afford it. She

was happy that he promised to buy her supplies in August. Her dad always kept his promises. So she kissed him. Then, she and her father carefully put all the supplies back on the shelf.

1. What is Natalie excited about?
2. What did Natalie see at the store?
3. Where did her father go?
4. What did Natalie like about the pencils?
5. Describe the notebook Natalie liked?
6. What else did Natalie choose?
7. Why didn't her dad buy the markers and the notebook?
8. Why didn't Natalie like the old notebooks?
9. What did her dad promise her?
10. How did Natalie feel when her dad wouldn't buy the supplies?
11. What made her feel better?
12. Do your children beg for things when you go to the store? How do you deal with that?
13. How do you make children understand that you can't buy everything they want?

Vocabulary: We use "do you mind" as a polite way to ask if something is OK.

EX: Do you mind if I sit here? Do you mind if I turn on this light?

We can also say, "would you mind".

Would you mind opening the window? Would you mind if I sat here? Would you mind working this Saturday?

Answer these questions.

Would you mind:

- if people smoked in your home?
- if your boss wanted you to work on Saturday?
- if a friend asked you to loan him/her several hundred dollars?
- if someone called you after 11PM?

Practice Speaking

- 1-Talk about something that is "on your mind. That is, something serious you are thinking about it or worrying about.
- 2-Do you often change your mind after you have made a decision?
- 3-They say, opposites attract, but my husband and I have like minds about most things. Do you and your spouse have like minds or are you opposites?
- 4-Do you keep an open mind or do you make up your mind quickly about things?
- 5-Is keeping an open mind ever a bad thing?

6-Is it important for kids to be taught to mind their manners?

7-When moving to a foreign country it is important to keep in mind...

8-Another way to say you forgot something is, "It slipped my mind." How often do important things slip your mind?

9-My father wore a nice smelling after shave. When I smell that after shave now, it brings to mind all the good times with my father. Is there something that brings to mind something from your past?

10-Does travel broaden the mind? How?