

## FUMC ESL 5-6-2024 High Beginning and Low Intermediate Lesson

Introduce yourself. Tell where you are from and where you live now. Tell something that you frequently do. EX: I frequently listen to music.

**GRAMMAR:** We use adverbs to tell when we do something. They are called adverbs of frequency. Ex:

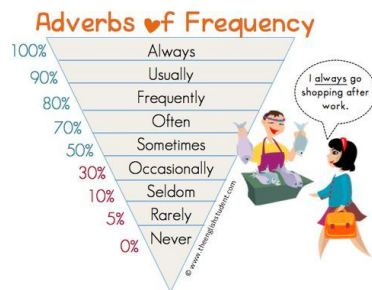
I **always** shower in the morning.

I **never** eat candy.

I **rarely** eat at a restaurant.

I **occasionally** watch TV.

I **usually** take the bus to class.



**Where do adverbs of frequency go in the sentence?**

We don't use these adverbs (always, never, rarely, seldom) **at the beginning** of the sentence UNLESS they are a command.

EX: **Always** wear your seatbelt.

**Never** walk in this neighborhood at night.

Correct: I always play tennis in the evening. NOT Always I play tennis in the evening.

Correct: I seldom eat sushi. NOT Seldom I eat sushi.

Correct: Sue never eats sushi. NOT Never Sue eats sushi.

Correct: I rarely watch TV. NOT Rarely I watch TV.

Correct: She seldom goes home before 8. NOT Seldom she goes home before 8.

Some other adverbs of frequency can go at the beginning, in the middle or at the end.

EX:

Correct: We are **sometimes** late for class. Also Correct: **Sometimes** we are late for class.

Also correct: We are late for class **sometimes**.

We **can't** use sometimes immediately after the verb. EX: Not Correct: We fly sometimes first class.

**These sentences have the adverbs of frequency in the wrong spot. Correct the sentences.**

1. I wash my windows never.
2. Always I sweep the floor.

3. I wipe usually the counter.
4. He puts away always his toys.
5. We wash frequently the dishes.
6. I vacuum sometimes the carpet.
7. I polish sometimes the furniture.
8. Rarely I go to the movies.
9. Jan doesn't work usually on Saturdays.
10. Never I can remember his name.
11. What usually do you eat for lunch?
12. She goes to bed often before midnight

**Last week we used idioms with OUT. Today we'll use idioms with IN. Read the sentence and tell what the idiom in bold print means. Explain what is happening in the sentence. Note that some idioms can have a noun or pronoun in the middle. For example, "let in" or "let him in".**

1. Sara has two dogs. They are usually outside. But at night she **lets in** the dogs. They sleep inside the house.
2. Your brother forgot his key. He is ringing the doorbell. Please **let your brother in**.
3. When you come to class, please **sign in**.
4. The weather was awful this weekend. I **stayed in** all day Saturday and Sunday.
5. I hope the robbers won't **break in** while we are at the movie.
6. These shoes are new. They are very tight. I will wear them for several days. That will **break them in** and they will be comfortable.
7. We will **check in** for our flight. Then we will **check** our bags.
8. I hope I remembered to pack my cosmetics. I'd better **check**.
9. If everyone **chips in**, we can afford to buy Mother flowers.
10. If you are in my neighborhood, **drop in**. We would like to see you.
11. When the children have recess, they go outside to play. But my daughter doesn't **join in**. She is too shy.
12. My computer needs charging. Where can I **plug it in**?
13. We stayed up late tonight, but we can **sleep in** tomorrow because it's Sunday.
14. We **traded in** our old car for a new one.

### **More Easy Stories Plus: Lesson 14--A Call for Help**

Chan works in a retirement home. She helps take care of the elderly people living there. Chan likes most of the people very much. But Mrs. Stevens is a difficult person. She is healthy and

strong, but always calls for help. She feels too hot or too cold. She needs a blanket or she needs the blanket taken off the bed. Her room is too dark or too light. She wants her curtains opened or the curtains closed.

1-Mrs. Stevens is a difficult person. What does that mean?

2-What help does Mrs. Stevens need?

3-Could Mrs. Stevens do some of those things herself?

Chan hears the bell ring again. It is Mrs. Stevens. Chan goes to her room and asks, "What can I do for you now, Mrs. Stevens?"

Mrs. Stevens says, "I am not comfortable in this bed. My feet are too high and my head is too low." Chan adjusts the bed. Then Mrs. Stevens says, "Now I can't see the TV. Please move it to the right." Chan moves the TV to the right. Mrs. Stevens says, "You moved it too far. Now move it back a little to the left." Chan moves the TV back to the left. "Can you hand me my water, please? I'm really thirsty."

Finally Chan tells Mrs. Stephens she has to go. "Other people need me, too," says Chan. Mrs. Ramirez needs her medicine. Mrs. Finch needs her dinner. Mr. Jones needs help getting to the bathroom."

Mrs. Stevens says, "Go ahead, Chan. But don't help them too much. They need to learn to be independent."

1. What is wrong with Mrs. Stevens bed?
2. What other things does Chan do for Mrs. Stevens?
3. Why does Chan have to go?
4. Why does Mrs. Stevens tell Chan not to help the other people too much?

### **Practice Speaking**

1. Do you worry about being safe when you are walking by yourself? What do you do to keep safe?
2. Do you always lock your car doors and your house when you are out?
3. Do you have any security cameras at your house or apartment?
4. Have you ever experienced a burglary?
5. Do the police carry guns in your country?
6. Do you think your country is safer than the U.S.?
7. Many U.S. states have the death penalty for major crimes. How do you feel about that?
8. Is shoplifting a big problem in your country? Have you ever seen someone shoplift?