

FUMC ESL 5-9-2024: High Beginning and Low Intermediate Lesson

Announcement: Our zoom classes will end next Thursday on May 16th. We will have no summer Zoom classes. We will have a Wednesday discussion group for those students who live in Austin. That class is open to all our students.

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

More Adverbs. Remember adverbs tell when, where or how a VERB happened. Read these examples. The adverbs are in **bold** text.

WHEN:

We take our medicine **daily**.

We **recently** bought a new car.

They will be here **tomorrow**.

They have **never** been to a rodeo.

WHERE

I locked the dogs **inside** the house.

She stepped **away** from the man.

We went **upstairs**.

HOW MUCH

I was **very** thirsty after the race.

We **almost** missed the bus.

He **barely** made it onto the train.

1. Tell something you do daily.
2. Tell something you have bought recently.
3. Tell something you will do tomorrow.
4. Tell something you have never done.
5. Tell something that you always keep inside your house.
6. Did you ever run away as a child?
7. Do you have an upstairs in your apartment or house?
8. Have you ever barely made it onto a train or an airplane?

Adjectives frequently have comparative forms (big, bigger, biggest). Adverbs USUALLY DON'T. However, there are some adverbs that do. Read these sentences.

fast, faster, fastest

Jon runs **fast**. Beth runs **faster**. And Tom runs **fastest** of all.

late, later, latest

My son came to the party **late**. My daughter came **later** than my son. My husband was the **latest** of all.

hard, harder, hardest

The teacher said the students work **hard**. The girls work **harder** than the boys. My daughter works **hardest** of all.

high, higher, highest

There was a jumping contest. Bill jumped **high**. Sara jumped **higher** than Bill. Jill jumped **highest** of all.

Questions:

1-In my family, my son is usually late. He is later than his brother. He is the latest one in the family. Who is late in your family?

2-Who works hardest in your family?

3-Who is the fastest runner in your family?

An Airport Story

Mary is flying to Mexico City. She bought her ticket online. It is a round trip ticket. She will leave on Saturday and return on Thursday. On Saturday, she arrives at the airport a little late. She runs to the baggage check. She checks her bag. She has to pay extra for the bag she checks. She checks the departures monitor. Her flight will leave in ten minutes.

1. Where is Mary flying to?
2. Where did she buy her ticket?
3. Is it a one way ticket?
4. When does she leave and return?
5. What does she have to pay extra for?
6. What is a departure monitor?
7. When will Mary's flight leave?

Mary stands in line at the security checkpoint. She must go through security. Then she can go to her gate. She shows the agent her passport and her ticket. She puts her carry on bag on the conveyor belt. The agent x-rays the bag. The agent stops Mary. He says,

"You have a large container of hand lotion in your carry on. You cannot take this on the plane. It is way too big."

"Oh, no," says Mary. "I forgot to put it in my checked luggage."

The agent says, "We have to throw it away. I cannot let you board the plane with the large container."

"But it is very expensive hand lotion. I paid \$18.00 for it. Please let me take it on," says Mary.

"I'm sorry, but I cannot," says the agent. He takes the lotion and puts it in the trash.

Mary is very sad. But, she has to catch her flight, so she doesn't argue with the agent.

"OK," says Mary. The agent says she can go. He hands Mary her bag. Mary takes her carry on bag and runs for the gate. She hopes she won't miss her flight.

1. Where does Mary stand in line?
2. What does Mary show the agent?
3. What did Mary leave in her carry on bag?
4. Why can't she take the lotion on the plane?
5. What does Mary hope?

When Mary gets to the gate, the waiting room is empty. Everyone is on the plane. She runs to the attendant's desk. "Has my flight left?" she asks. The flight hasn't left. The agent tells her she can get on the plane now. Mary shows her boarding pass. She walks onto the plane. She finds her seat. She puts her carry on bag in the overhead bin. She sits down and fastens her seatbelt. She calls her mother to tell her she is on the plane. The stewardess tells Mary to turn off the phone and put it away.

1. Did Mary's flight leave without her?
2. Where did she put her carry on bag?
3. Why does Mary call her mother?
4. What did the stewardess tell Mary to do?

The plane takes off. Mary looks out the window. Soon the plane is above the clouds. Mary gets out a magazine and begins to read. Three hours later, the plane lands in Mexico City. She walks to the baggage claim area and finds her bag. She walks out of the airport. She sees a taxi. She waves to the driver. The driver picks Mary up. Mary gives the address of her hotel. Soon she arrives at the hotel. She checks in and goes to her room. She will just have time for a quick shower before her boyfriend picks her up.

They will go to a nice restaurant for dinner. Mary is excited to see her boyfriend and spend a few days in Mexico City.

After her shower she looks for her lotion. Her skin is really dry and she needs lotion. She can't find it anywhere. Then she remembers. The agent threw her lotion away. Now she must buy a new bottle of lotion. And this time she will buy a small one, so she can take it on the plane.

1. How long is Mary's flight?
2. How does Mary get to the hotel?
3. What will Mary have time for?
4. Where will Mary go tonight?
5. Who will she go with?
6. What is Mary missing?
7. Have you ever had the agent throw away something that you had in your carry on?
8. Have you ever had a bad flight experience?
9. What is the longest flight you have ever taken. What did you do during the flight?