

FUMC ESL 9-16-2024 Higher Level Lesson

Teachers, some of the vocabulary used today is very advanced. Make sure the students understand the meaning. And remember to wait ten seconds after you ask, "Do you understand," to give them time to respond.

Introduce yourself. Tell where you are from and where you live now. Tell something you did over the weekend.

Idioms that begin with prepositions:

1. **at an advantage:** She is at an advantage because her family is wealthy and has political influence. What other conditions, besides wealth, put you at an advantage over other people?
2. **in demand:** People with good computer skills are **in demand** today. Nurses are in demand in the U.S. We don't have enough nurses to staff our hospitals. Are nurses in demand in your country? How can we help the situation of too few nurses?
3. **in detail:** The author describes the city in detail. How often do you read a book? Do you like authors that give lots of details?
4. **on display:** A famous painting by Rembrandt is on display at the museum in New York. Do you enjoy going to art museums? Do you have a particular style of art that you prefer?

Read these short stories and discuss.

Gloria is a beautiful girl. She has a handsome boyfriend. Her boyfriend is very nice to Gloria. Gloria asks her boyfriend to meet her family. Gloria prepares a nice dinner. She invites her boyfriend. She invites her parents.

Gloria introduces her boyfriend to her parents. Her boyfriend says, "It's nice to meet you." Gloria's father says, "It's nice to meet you. But I need to know some things about you." Her father asked her boyfriend if he has a job. He asked Gloria's boyfriend how much money he makes. He asked the boyfriend if he planned to marry Gloria.

Gloria was so embarrassed. She said, "Dad, stop asking him all those questions!" Her dad said, "I need to know the answers to these things. I need to know your boyfriend has a job. I need to know if he can support you. I need to know if he plans to marry you."

Discuss this story.

1. What do you think about Gloria's dad?
2. Did your Dad ask questions about your boyfriends or girlfriends?
3. Would you be embarrassed if he did?
4. Should Gloria apologize to her boyfriend?

5. Do you think Gloria's dad loves his daughter a lot?

Jan's family were very wealthy. They lived in a large, fancy house. They drove expensive cars. They sent their kids to the best schools.

Jan never knew what it was to want something that she couldn't have. When she wanted a new computer, her parents bought it for her. When she wanted an expensive new purse, her father gave her money to buy it. All of Jan's friends were rich too. They never considered what it would be like to be poor.

Jan decided to go to the state university instead of a private college. She planned to live in the dorm her freshman year. When Jan arrived at the university, she was shocked. There were many students who couldn't afford a car. They walked everywhere or took a bus. They didn't wear the trendiest clothes. When Jan suggested they go to a restaurant for lunch, they said they really couldn't afford to go to a restaurant. Jan got a real education. She learned what life was like for most people.

Discuss this story.

1. What advantages does Jan have over people who were poorer?
2. Are there any disadvantages to being wealthy?
3. American state universities tend to have a cross-section of students. There are wealthy students and poorer students. Almost all universities provide financial aid for poorer students.
4. Many students get student loans to pay for college. It takes many of them years to pay back these loans. Our president believes the government should help these students by forgiving some of their loans. Do you agree that is a good idea? Is it fair to the students that paid back all of their loans?
5. Talk about higher education in your country. Are there people from all economic backgrounds attending universities? Is college free? What role does the government play in higher education?
6. Have you ever gotten a college loan to help pay for your schooling?
7. Were most of the students in your school in the same economic level?
8. Do you think private colleges offer a better education?
9. What changes would you make to education in your country?
10. At colleges and universities you learn a lot outside of the classroom. What is something you learned while at college that wasn't related to your courses.