

## FUMC ESL 9-23-2024 Higher Level Lesson

**Introduce yourself: Tell where you are from and where you live now.**

**Discuss these questions with your group.**

1. One thing I never worry about is...
2. I will never make my kids eat...
3. If I could go back to college, I would study...
4. In school, I was known as the kid who...
5. A subject I always made good grades in was...
6. My favorite kind of pizza is ...

**Pronouncing Silent Letters: Many English words have silent letters**

Silent L: talk, walk, chalk, sidewalk,, yolk, calf, half, calm, palm, salmon, could, would, should

Silent P: psalm, psychology, psychiatrist, receipt

Silent T: listen, fasten, whistle, Christmas

Silent GH: high, light, might, night, fight, height, flight, bright, weigh, weight, eight, neighbor, caught, taught, bought, fought, thought, dough, though, through

**Tell what letter is silent in these words:**

write	rough	gnaw	hour	whole	ghost
honor	wrestle	sign	lamb	campaign	thumb
plumber	muscle	climb	debt	scissors	sandwich

**Read these conversations twice. Tell what the phrases in bold text mean. Discuss the questions.**

**Tom:** My wife definitely **wears the pants** in our family. She controls everything. She tells me where we're going on vacation. She decides which school the kids will go to. And she pays all the bills. I just **hand over** my paycheck to her.

**Sandra:** Does that make you **feel less of a man**?

**Tom:** Heck, no. I love it that she **takes charge**. It makes life easier for me. She is very **competent** and I never worry about anything she plans. I don't have time to research kid's schools or plan vacations. I just focus on my job.

**Sandra:** That might not work for every man.

**Tom:** It might not. But it works great for my family.

1. How would you describe Tom's relationship with his wife?
2. What does Tom focus on?
3. Why does Sandra say, "that might not work for every man"? What is she implying?
4. Do you and your spouse share the decisions equally or does one of you make most of the decisions?

**Shane:** Beth and I have decided to become **foster parents**. There are just too many kids stuck waiting for good homes.

**Carol:** That's terrific. You two are such great parents.

**Shane:** Thanks. It's a good time to do it. Our two kids are off at college now and we have time to **devote to** kids who don't have parents. We feel like we know how to parent now.

Carol: You are **taking on** a big responsibility, but it's a **worthwhile contribution** to society.

1. Our government occasionally takes children away from parents who mistreat them and places them in foster settings. Does this happen in your country?

2.. Would you ever consider being a foster parent? Why or why not?

**Kay:** My mom gave birth to three kids in 5 years. I **can't imagine** how she did it. And she not only gave birth to us, she **raised us pretty much** by herself. My dad was in the Navy. He would be gone for six months at a time on his ship. We were never sure exactly where he was. And you couldn't just pick up a phone and call him. So Mom made all the decisions and took care of everything.

**Lea:** Your Mom is very **resourceful**. She **finds solutions** to problems so quickly. Anytime I need help on something, I ask your mom.

**Kay:** Yes, she can do most anything, from repairing cars to baking a wedding cake. We didn't have a lot of money, so Mom just learned to do everything herself. There's nothing she can't do.

1-Someone who is resourceful is creative, inventive, clever. Does this describe your mother?

2-In what ways do you "take after" your mother?

3-What's advice did your mother give you? Did you follow it?

4-Was your father very **involved** in raising the kids?