

FUMC ESL Higher Level Lesson for 11-11-2024

Introduce yourself. Tell where you are from and where you live now. Tell what languages you speak.

Pronunciation: Many English words end in OUS. That sound is usually pronounced as US. If the word ends in IOUS, the sound is usually SHUS. However, some IOUS endings are pronounced by saying the I like an E then adding US. Practice saying these words.

generous	famous	enormous	jealous	nervous
ambitious	conscious	delicious	contagious	cautious
various	obvious	curious	tedious	furious

1. **Suzy says:** I feel really **envious** when I follow my friends on social media. They all look so happy. They post amazing pictures that show themselves having wonderful adventures all over the world. Here I am stuck in my low-paying job with no hope of affording travel like that. It makes me feel so **dissatisfied**.

Explain how Suzy feels. Do you ever feel envious of your friends when you see their social media posts? Do you sympathize with Suzy? Do you ever feel envious of others?

2. **Bill says:** I get really **jealous** of my wife. She is really smart and funny and people love to talk to her. When we are at a party, people end up crowding around her to hear what she has to say. I know it's not right to feel such **jealousy**, but I can't help it. I **envy** her ease with people.

Explain Bill's feelings. Do you sympathize with him. What part of his wife's personality does Bill envy? What advice would you give Bill? Do you ever feel envious of your spouse or friends?

3. **Student says:** My history teacher is very **repetitious**. Every week she assigns the chapter to read on Monday. On Tuesday we answer the questions at the end of the chapter. On Wednesday we memorize the facts. On Thursday we review and on Friday we take the test. On Monday we read the next chapter. I enjoy history, but this class is so **repetitive**. We do the same thing over and over. I wish we could discuss some of the events and talk about the personalities of the people involved. History can be very interesting, but my teacher's style makes it very **boring**.

What is the student's complaint? Do you sympathize with the student? Were your classes in school repetitious and boring? How could the teacher make history more interesting? What were the classes that you found interesting in your school?

DISCUSSION

1. What was your job in your home country? Are you happy with the career you chose? If you could change careers, what would you choose?
2. Would you describe yourself as ambitious?
3. What is the scariest thing about leaving your home country?
4. Do you feel comfortable having a conversation in English on the phone?
5. Do you ever receive things in the mail that you can't understand?
6. Do you document your thoughts in a journal or diary?
7. Are you a cautious person or an adventurous person? Is it possible to be both?
8. Name a famous person that you admire. Why do you admire them?
9. A change of pace is a change from your usual routine. Do you think a "change of pace" is helpful?
10. "Back in the day" means a time in the past. We usually use this expression to talk about how things were in our past. Name something you did "back in the day".