

FUMC ESL 11-14-2024 Higher Level Lesson

Introduce yourself. Tell where you are from. Tell something about yourself.

Similar Words -- Different Parts of Speech

Many words change slightly depending on how they are used. For example, the verb "talk" becomes the adjective "talkative". The noun "ambition" becomes the adjective "ambitious". When nouns change to adjectives, they often add a suffix. EX: caution becomes cauti**ous**, curiosity becomes curi**ous**, comfort becomes comfort**able**, confuse becomes confusi**on**, speech becomes speech**less**. Sometimes this can be confusing for English students. Choose the correct word in the sentences below.

1. Mother is very (caution - cautious) when she walks, so she never falls.
2. The speaker kept repeating himself. Listening to him was boring and (repetition - repetitious).
3. My brother wants to try parachuting. He is more (adventure - adventurous) than me.
4. The baby has an ear (infection - infectious).
5. Whole wheat bread is more (nutrition - nutritious) than white bread.
6. It is my life long (ambition - ambitious) to move to England.
7. Use (caution - cautious) when you drive on wet streets.
8. Repeat the words several times. (Repetition - Repetitious) helps you learn.
9. My aunt always told me if you break a mirror, you will have seven years of bad luck. She was very (superstition - superstitious).
10. Covid is an (infection - infectious) disease.
11. Exercise and good (nutrition - nutritious) will lead to good health.
12. My boyfriend works hard and is very (ambition - ambitious).

Read and Discuss the conversation and article below.

Avi: An **18 wheeler** turned over in the middle of an **intersection** at the entrance to **campus**. The truck **took out** some of the power lines. The police closed the whole intersection. No one could **get in or out** of the college until it was all cleared. Many of us missed exams because of it.

Dana: Will you get to take a **make up**?

Avi: The head of the math department gave the **go-ahead** for a make up exam for those students who missed the test. Our professor was not **in favor** of giving a make up test, but after **pressure from above**, he finally **acquiesced**.

Dana: I heard your professor was angry about having to offer make-ups. He said he would never **condone** allowing students a second chance because it was not fair to the students who made the **extra effort** to arrive on time.

Avi: That's a **bogus argument** because the only students who made it to the exam are those who were already on campus when the accident happened. Those of us who don't live on campus couldn't get in. Over half of us missed it.

Dana: Your math professor is very **obstinate**. He insists that his opinion is the only right one.

1. What turned over?
2. Where did it turn over?
3. What happened to the power lines?
4. What did the police do?
5. What was the result for the students?
6. The head of the math department gave the go-ahead for what?
7. Avi's professor wouldn't condone
8. Why does Avi say the professor's argument was a bogus argument?
9. Why did Avi say the math professor was obstinate?

Bill and Jane have been married for two years. Jane loves to spend holidays at her parent's home. She is an only child and she enjoys celebrating with her family. She knows if she doesn't spend holidays with her parents, they will be lonely because they have no other children.

But Bill refuses to spend holidays with his in laws. He told Jane if she wants to go to her parents on holidays, she is free to do so, but he has no **intention** of spending holidays with them. It has created a big problem in their marriage.

You might think Bill is a rude and thoughtless person for refusing to go to his in laws. And, I don't **condone** Bill's behavior, but I do understand it. Jane's parents have never liked Bill and they don't hide their feelings. They don't believe Bill is "good enough" for their **precious** daughter. They criticize everything Bill does. Of course, Bill feels **uncomfortable** around them and doesn't want to spend his holiday with them.

1. What is the problem in Bill and Jane's marriage?
2. What does Bill mean when he says he has "no intention" of spending holidays with Jane's parents?
3. Does Bill have a good reason for not wanting to go to Jane's parents?
4. Who is responsible for correcting this problem: Bill, Jane or Jane's parents?
5. Sometimes it is hard to **get along with** your in laws. Have you ever heard of anyone who has in law problems?
6. If you have married children, what kinds of things do you do to keep good relations with your daughter in law or son in law?