

FUMC ESL 12-2-2024 Higher Level Lesson

Introduce yourself. Tell where you are from and where you live now. Talk about something you did over the Thanksgiving holiday.

The paragraphs below have some idioms in bold text. Read the conversation or paragraph and explain to the class what the bold text means. Use the idioms in a sentence.

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Jack: I hope I don't get in a wreck. I let my car insurance **expire**.

Bill: Are you **out of your mind**? Driving without **liability insurance** is illegal in Texas. Driving without insurance is a **bone-headed** thing to do.

2-Jack was in an automobile accident and the policeman told me the ambulance took him to the hospital. I haven't been able to **reach him** on his cell phone. I'm **out of my mind** with worry.

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Susan: Jack has met the nicest girl. He is **head over heels** in love with her. He's only known her for 3 weeks and he wants to ask her to marry him.

Ashley: Oh no, that's too soon. You have to **talk him out of it**.

Susan: Jack has **a good head on his shoulders**. I'm sure he'll **come to his senses** soon. It **won't cost him anything** to wait a few months and make sure she's the right one for him.

4-I met Jack's new girlfriend. I can see why he is **mad about her**. She **stopped by** the office to pick Jack up and she **really turned heads**. She's **drop dead gorgeous**. But honestly, I don't know **what she sees in** Jack. Jack is an average looking guy, and so shy he can hardly talk to people. And his girlfriend is a **knock-out** with a great personality.

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Bill: The police officer who was investigating Jack's traffic accident **questioned me** about Jack. He implied Jack had been drinking before he got **behind the wheel**. I told him that was not true. Jack never drinks.

Susan: I know you're telling the truth. If they question me I'll **back you up**.

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Ashley: I have **a gut feeling** that the woman we interviewed isn't right for the job. What do you think about her?

Susan: You have to **hand it to her**. It was a **gutsy** thing to do to just **walk in off the street** and demand to be interviewed for the job.

Ashley: She is very confident and she has an **outgoing personality**. But there is just something **a bit off** about her. I **can't put my finger on it**.

Susan: We really need someone to **give us a hand** during the Christmas holidays. All of us **have our hands full** trying to fill the orders. I say give her a chance. If she **doesn't work out**, we can **let her go** after Christmas.

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Ashley: Why are you wearing a suit?

Bill: I have a date tonight and I want to **put my best foot forward**. I decided to **dress to impress**.

8-Growing up in a **household** of 6 people was a **three ring circus**. My brothers were always **up to something**, and as the only girl, I just tried to **stay out of the way**. My father was **in seventh heaven** with all his boys. All my brothers were athletic and **loved the outdoors**. The only time Mom and I had any piece was when Dad took the boys off to hunt or fish or play sports.

Practice Speaking English:

1. Explain how you met your spouse. Where did you go on your first date? How long did you date before marrying?
2. Do you wish you had more siblings? Why or why not?
3. What was it like growing up in your home?
4. Describe a place in your home city.
5. What's a skill you've always wanted to master? (Not including speaking English)
6. What's your favorite family tradition?
7. What makes you laugh the most?
8. What's one word that best describes you?
9. Would you rather drive or be a passenger in a car?