

FUMC ESL 12-9-2024 Higher Level Lesson

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

Grammar Quiz: Mark the correct answer. Some may have more than one correct answer.

1-I'm going on a vacation next week. Oh, _____ nice.
(it's) (this is) (that's)

2-Is there a bank near here? Yes, there's _____ at the end of this street.
(some) (it) (one) (a one)

3-There is _____ in the room.
(anybody) (nobody) (anyone) (no one)

4-I wouldn't say they were poor. They have _____ money.
(little) (a little) (a little of) (few)

5-There were _____ people in the room.
(a little) (little) (a few) (few)

6-We don't eat _____ very often.
(some meat) (the meat) (a meat) (meat)

7-Jan watches TV for about two hours _____.
(each evening) (every evening) (all evening) (each of the evenings)

8-Terri and Sam _____.
(have got no children) (haven't got no children) (haven't got any children) (have no children)

9-I haven't read _____ those books.
(neither of) (any of) (either of)

10-Where's your luggage? I don't have _____.
(any) (some) (one) (many)

Read and Discuss

Susan likes to make plans in advance. She doesn't like to change her plans after they are made. But Susan's husband doesn't like to plan things in advance. He likes to be spontaneous. He loves vacations where he just gets in the car and drives somewhere. He doesn't bother to make hotel reservations. This **drives Susan crazy**.

1. Who is more **flexible**, Susan or her husband?
2. Who are you more like, Susan or Susan's husband?
3. Susan and her husband are **opposites**. Do you believe opposites attract?
4. In what ways are you opposite from your spouse?
5. Is it necessary to have the same personality to be best friends with someone?

Sara loves people. She prefers to do things with her friends rather than do things alone. Jane loves having alone time. She loves nothing more than curling up with a good book for hours. If she has to go to a party, she will, but she has a hard time engaging in conversation.

1. Who is an **introvert** and who is an **extrovert**?
2. Which character, Sara or Jane, are you more like?

Jenny has two boys. Her oldest boy is shy and serious. He likes to read and think about important things. Her youngest boy is more fun-loving. He enjoys sports and games. Their personalities are quite different.

1. Are your children's personalities different? Is your personality similar to your sister or brother?
2. Do you think personalities are set at birth? Do parents affect the personality of their kids?
3. Do you feel like your own personality has changed from when you were younger?
4. If you grew up in a different country, would your personality have been different?

Linda has a daughter and a son. Her daughter loves to dress up in fancy dresses. She loves ribbons and bows. She plays with dolls. Linda's son loves to climb, throw balls, and run fast. He doesn't mind getting dirty or playing roughly with the other kids. Linda doesn't encourage her daughter to play rough or play in the dirt. She doesn't encourage her son to play with dolls or wear ribbons and bows. Linda's children follow **gender stereotypes**. Linda feels like there are some personality characteristics that are feminine and some that are masculine.

1. Do you think boys and girls are born with different traits and interests?
2. What is a quality you think of as **feminine**? as **masculine**? For example, are men or women better at nurturing, being intuitive, being inclusive.
3. If Linda had another boy who liked playing with dolls and taking ballet classes, would she be OK with that or would she continue to encourage her son to play with trucks and act more masculine?
4. In your country is it acceptable for a boy to like ballet and playing with dolls?

My friend, Dan, spilled coffee on Mother's rug and she was really **bent out of shape**. She **went to pieces**. Mother yelled at Dan and told him **in no uncertain terms** that he had ruined her rug. She had a real **temper tantrum**. Dan felt awful about it. And I felt awful for Dan. He wasn't trying to be careless, he's just a little **clumsy** and he tripped on the rug. Mother walked out **in a huff**. Later I found out that was a brand new rug, and was very expensive. I guess that explains Mom's behavior.

1. Explain the idioms in bold print.
2. Did Mother have a good reason to be mad? Did she handle it well? What would you have done in that situation?
3. How do you think Dan felt? What could Dan's friend have done to make Dan feel better?
4. Do you or anyone you know have a **hot temper**?