

## FUMC ESL 3-3-2025 Lesson

Introduce yourself. Tell something about your personality. (EX: I was extremely shy when I was young. I didn't know how to talk to people. I would hide behind my mother's skirts. Now I'm not shy.)

**IDIOMS: Read each story. Explain what happened in your own words. Tell what the underlined idioms mean. Does each story remind you of similar experiences in your life? Explain.**

1. Buying a new car is a **bone of contention** for this couple:

My wife and I were **at odds** about what type of car to buy. To my wife, a car is simply transportation. She doesn't want anything fancy or large. She just wants a car that is dependable and will get her where she wants to go. I, **on the other hand**, view a car as part of my personality. I want to drive a car that says, "I'm an affluent, successful person." I want a luxury car with **all the bells and whistles**. So when it was time to go to the car dealer to find a car, we had a very hard time. My wife found a used **compact car** that was only a year old and was in good condition. But it was one of the cheapest cars on the lot and it looked cheap. I found a brand new **luxury model**. It was the **top of the line**. After hours of discussion, I **met my wife halfway**. We bought a **mid-sized** car. It wasn't a luxury car, but it wasn't a cheap compact either. The car was brand new and very nice looking. At the same time, it wasn't too **showy**. And I **struck a good deal** with the salesman, so it wasn't that expensive. Though we don't **see eye to eye** about cars, we were able to **meet in the middle**.

**Questions:** Do you and your spouse see eye to eye about cars? What kind of car do you want to buy? Have you bought a car since coming to the U.S.? What kind of car did you buy? Would you ever buy a used car? What does the term "gently used" mean? Explain the compromise this couple made. What are you and your spouse "at odds" about?

2. Dad is **over the moon** at his daughter's success.

Dad's daughter was running in her first track meet. She had been training for months. Though she had a few **butterflies in her stomach** that morning, she was sure she would win the race. Her dad tried to **temper her expectations**. After all, she was a 9th grader and had just joined the high school track team. He didn't expect her to win her first race and he didn't want her to **get her hopes up**. The loud speaker announced his daughter's race. She went to the starting line. She **flashed Dad a thumbs up**. She was **raring to go**. Dad was **on the edge of his seat**. His daughter had **put her heart and soul into** training for this race. He didn't want her to **be let down**. In just a moment, the race was over. And to his surprise, his daughter had won! She ran over to him, **grinning from ear to ear**. She was **on cloud nine**. She had beaten all the older girls on her team. Dad hugged her and told her she was his **pride and joy**.

**Questions:** Why did her dad try to temper her expectations. How would you flash a thumbs up? What are you on cloud nine about? Show "grinning from ear to ear". Talk about a time when your parents were very proud of you. What is something you put your heart and soul into?

## Much / Many Quiz

1. Don't put (much / many) liquid in the cake batter.
2. I can't work too (much / many) hours this week because I have to study for my exams.
3. I wish you (much / many) luck on your test.
4. (Much / many) people are unhappy about the economy.
5. How (much / many) times did she call you?
6. My girlfriend has so (much / many) relatives.
7. He has (much / many) jars of jam in his refrigerator.
8. He put too (much / many) jam on his peanut butter sandwich.
9. There isn't (much / many) space in my dorm room.
10. She put too (much / many) vinegar in the salad.

## Pronunciation Quiz

1. Are the SH and CH pronounced the same in "wash**ing** mach**ine**"?
2. Are chic and fashions pronounced with the same SH sound?
3. Does **Chicago** have the SH or the CH sound?
4. Does **parachute** have the SH or CH sound?
5. Does **brochure** have the SH or CH sound?
6. Does **chef** have the SH or CH sound?
7. Does **sure** have the S or the SH sound?
8. Does **musician** have an SH sound?
9. Does **chiropractor** sound like the CH sound?
10. What sound does the CH in **chemical** make?

## Pronounce these sentences and tell what they mean.

1. Fashion is my passion.
2. The chauffeur assures me he would accept a check.
3. Should shirts and skirts be short?
4. We are short of chairs, so please share your chair.
5. The butcher took pictures of his adventures in China.
6. I wish you would watch me wash the dishes.
7. Shelly sells spinach sandwiches.
8. Chan teaches nutrition.
9. Shopping is sure fun.
10. Fortunately, the program actually featured shearing sheep.
11. The chimpanzee chomped the chocolate cherries.
12. There is a chip on the ship.