

FUMC Lesson 3-31-2025

Introduce yourself. What is something that is "abundant" in your country. Abundant means very plentiful. There are a lot of them. EX: Taco restaurants are abundant in Austin, Texas. Grapefruits are abundant in south Texas. Rice is abundant in China.

Protecting Our Health

Summer and fall are **harvest** times. In Texas, you can pick a tomato, a peach, a watermelon or a cantaloupe. But don't pick fruit with **worms**. Some farmers spray their **crops** to kill worms and harmful insects. Scientists are worried about the **abundant** use of **pesticides** by farmers. They are **uneasy** about the amount of dangerous pesticides in our fruit and vegetables. Scientists **calculate** that there are over 45,000 different pesticides that can be **absorbed** by the fruit we grow. They **estimate** that every **morsel** we eat in the future may contain a deadly amount of pesticides. The **threat** from pesticides is real. The scientists say we don't need to completely **ban** pesticides, but we should only use **appropriate** doses.

Match the vocabulary word with the correct definition.

appropriate	guess
ban	find out by using math
threat	gathering in the crops
morsel	anxious
estimate	forbid or prohibit
absorb	plants grown for food
calculate	plentiful
uneasy	suitable or acceptable for the situation
abundant	cause of possible harm
harvest	take in liquids
crops	a small mouthful

Choose the correct word.

1. When the food supply is _____ no one goes hungry.
2. Many believe the _____ of nuclear war is real.
3. If you feel _____ about driving at night, you should take the bus.
4. When the soil is dry, it is _____ into the ground quickly.
5. Do you think this dress is _____ for the wedding?
6. How can I _____ how many miles I get on a gallon of gas?
7. The mechanic gave me an _____ on repairing my car.
8. We put a _____ of cheese in the baby's mouth.

Discuss:

1-You have been waiting a long time in a line to buy tickets to the movie. Suddenly someone pushes in front of you in line. Then they invite five of their friends to come in front of you. What is the **appropriate** response?

2-Many public schools are **banning** cell phones from class. Most students and some parents are complaining this is unfair. What is your opinion about banning cell phones for students? What is something that is banned in your country?

3-What do you think is the biggest **threat** to peace in your country?

4-If you **absorb** information, you understand and remember it. Some ESL students have told us that there is too much information on the lesson. They can't absorb it all. Do you agree? How can I make the lessons better?

5-Talk about a time when you felt **uneasy**.

6-Some people believe GMO (genetically modified plants) are the best remedy for farmers using pesticides. GMO crops are legal in the U.S., but not in many European countries or in Mexico. Are they legal in your country?

Pronunciation:

Let's compare the sounds of two diphthongs: (AU and OI)

The difference in sound between these two diphthongs is small. Say AU and AW as in **AUTUMN** and **AWFUL**. Now say OI and OY as in **OIL** and **BOY**. Practice saying the words in the table below.

noise - gnaw	joy - jaw	coin - cause	point - paw
poise - pause	coin - caught	hoist - haul	soy - sauce