

FUMC ESL 3-6-2025 Lesson

NOTE: We will not have English class on March 17 or 20th. This is spring break for most schools

Introduce yourself. Tell where you are from. What makes you happy? What is one thing you do every day that puts you in a good mood?

IDIOMS CONTINUED:

Mother is a **social butterfly**, but the daughter is a **shrinking violet**.

Our daughter was turning 10. My wife planned a really big surprise celebration. She **pulled out all the stops**, hiring a band, some clowns and even some jugglers to entertain. She hired a **caterer** to prepare the food, including a beautiful birthday cake. My wife invited all our neighbors and all the children in my daughter's class at school as well as friends from church. I thought my wife was **going overboard**, but my she always **goes the extra mile** and **s pares no expense** to make our daughter happy. I took my daughter to the movie, so the guests could be there to surprise her when we came home. To our **astonishment**, when we entered our home and the guests yelled, "Surprise!", my daughter **burst into tears**. She **took one look** at all the people and ran right out the door. She refused to come inside. Finally, we apologized to our guests and asked them to leave. My wife was **crushed**. Unfortunately, my wife's idea of a great party, **didn't mesh with** our daughters.

Questions:

1-Do you sympathize with the daughter or the mother? To pull out all the stops means to make every possible effort or use all available resources to achieve an end. The "stops" in question were originally the physical stop knobs of a pipe organ. Do you think the wife went overboard in planning the party? Should she have consulted the daughter?

2-Are you a social butterfly or a shrinking violet? Is your personality different from your mother's?

3-Would you have liked a party like the wife planned?

4-Do you think the daughter behaved badly when she got to the party? What should she have done?

5- Have you ever done something that made your parents or friends feel "crushed"? For example, when I was a young woman, I was joking around with my brother in the living room. I threw a towel at him. My brother ducked and the towel hit a beautiful,

antique, crystal pitcher that my mom really treasured. It fell to the floor and broke into a million pieces. My mother cried. I felt horrible. I had crushed her by destroying something that was very valuable and couldn't be replaced.

Pronunciation Problems

1-Pronouncing the J and Y sound:

jello - yellow jet - yet Jon - yawn gel - yell juice - use joke - yoke

2-Pronouncing the Z or soft G and S sounds

zoo - Sue zip - sip zoom - soon lazy - lacy pizza - piece of

The passengers were injured. Jane enjoys jogging. Zane is just joking.

3-Pronouncing the ZL letter combination.

drizzle grizzly bear frazzled muzzle

Read these short paragraphs.

Hello, Uncle Jack. It's Jill. I am attending Jackson Junior College. I am enjoying college. I was majoring in engineering. But I am not a genius, so I changed my major. I am a journalism major now. I want to join the journalism club. The majority of journalism students find good jobs after graduating.

What did you major in? Did you change your major? Do you think you would enjoy being a journalist?

Jimmy is a jolly person. He is always happy. Jimmy always tells jokes. He is quite a joker. He jokes around with my kids. Jimmy teaches the kids how to juggle. Sometimes I jot down the jokes he tells in a journal, so I can remember them. It's always a joy to see Jimmy join our group.

Who is the funniest person in your family? Do you like to tell jokes? Would people say that you are funny? Do you keep a journal? What kinds of things do you jot down in a journal?

To juggle means to keep a lot of objects in the air at the same time. Can you juggle? We also use this term to mean you are trying to manage a lot of things at the same time. For example: Tara hired an assistant because she was trying to juggle too many projects at once. She needed someone to keep track of the various projects and organize the work.