

FUMC ESL 5-5-2025 Lesson

Introduce yourself. Tell one thing you did over the weekend.

Announcement: Thursday, May 8th will be the last class for the spring semester. Summer classes will begin June 2nd and end June 23rd. We will have a Pot Luck Party on Thursday. Students will bring food from their country or any food that they like and want to bring for sharing. We will have a one hour lesson than we will have our Pot Luck Party. Please mark your dishes if they contain pork so our Muslim students will know what they can eat.

Today is Cinco de Mayo. Cinco de Mayo, which translates to "Fifth of May," is a holiday that celebrates the Mexican army's victory over the French at the Battle of Puebla on May 5, 1862. While it is a relatively minor holiday in Mexico, it has become a widespread celebration of Mexican culture and heritage in the United States, particularly in areas with large Mexican American populations. Many Austin restaurants and bars will have celebrations that include Margaritas and Mexican food. Some will also have Mariachi bands.

If you are from Mexico, talk about this holiday. How do you celebrate this holiday.

At the end of May, we will celebrate Memorial Day. Memorial Day is a day to honor and mourn those who have died while serving in the United States military. It is a federal holiday observed on the last Monday of May. Originally called Decoration Day, it began during the Civil War when citizens would decorate the graves of fallen soldiers. After World War I, the holiday expanded to honor all those who died in service.

Do you have holidays in your country to honor soldiers? Talk about how you celebrate.

VOCABULARY-----**Read this conversation** by two people who "bump into" each other unexpectedly at a health store. Explain the meaning of the words and phrases in bold text. Use the words in a sentence.

Gloria: Jan, how are you? **Long time no see!**

Jan: Yes, it's been **ages**. What have you been **up to?**

Gloria: **Nothing much. How's life going?**

Jan: **Couldn't be better.** We just had our second child, a girl.

Gloria: Oh, that's great. Congratulations. I'm surprised to see you here at the health store. I didn't know you were **into health food.**

Jan: Since the kids arrived, I've tried to eat healthier **for their sake.** And of course, I'm always **watching my weight,** so I eat a lot more salads and vegetables than I did in the old days.

Gloria: How are your parents? I know last time you said they were getting a bit **frail.**

Jan: Yes, Mom fell and broke her hip last month. But she's **mending** well. Dad does a good job of **looking after her.** I try to **keep tabs on** them. I usually **stop by** their house a couple of times a week.

Gloria: I'm sorry to hear about the fall. Our bones do break more easily as we age. Hey, I've **got to run,** but give me a call and we'll **do lunch.**

Jan: Sure thing, but I may have **a toddler in tow.** I don't have a babysitter during the day.

Gloria: No problem. I love kids.

1. Do you think Gloria and Jan have spoken recently?
2. Why is Jan more "in to" health food now?
3. What does Jan do for the kid's sake?
4. Who is frail?
5. What happened to Jan's mom?
6. Who looks after Jan's mom?
7. How does Jan "keep tabs" on her parents?
8. Gloria asks Jan to give her a call so they can _____.
9. Will Jan bring her child with her?
10. Do you think these two are very close friends? Why?

WORD USAGE-----Use one of the prepositions in the word box to complete the sentences. Explain the meaning of each sentence.

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1. It's impossible to live _____ money.
2. He was trembling _____ rage.
3. I don't like Sharon and Stacy. I hope they don't go _____ us.
4. The software is loading. It should be finished _____ ten minutes.
5. I'll wait here _____ Bill.
6. She greeted us _____ indifference.
7. We were caught _____ the stolen goods.
8. The children were disappointed to see their grandparents arrive _____ presents.
9. This is a secret that must be kept _____ these walls.
10. I told the kids to be home by 6 _____ fail.
11. It goes _____ saying that if you don't work, you don't get paid.
12. They charged him _____ burglary of a vehicle.
13. We have to live _____ our means.
14. There is a hospital _____ 5 miles of the school.
15. She is _____ a doubt the best club president we've ever had.
16. I am please _____ the way things are going.