

FUMC ESL 5-8-2025 Lesson

Calendar: This is our last spring class. We will not have any more classes in May. Summer classes will begin on June 2nd.

In person classes will have a lesson until around 10:45. Then we will have our Pot Luck Party. Zoom students are welcome to come in person.

Introduce yourself. Tell where you are from and where you live now. What plans do you have for the summer?

Pronunciation Practice-How do we pronounce WH? Is it the same as a W?

In many parts of the U.S., the W sound and WH sound are pronounced the same. However, in the Scotland, Ireland and the southern states of America, the WH is pronounced slightly different. We pronounce just a bit of the H sound after the W. One way to tell the difference is to put your hand in front of your mouth when you say WHALE and WELL. We release a little bit of air when we make the WH sound. You can feel it on your hand. Practice these word pairs.

watch - what	weather - whether	where - were	where - we're	what - watt
white - wait	win - when	wheat - week	wheel - we'll	whale - well
wine - whine	weigh - whale	when - win	witch - which	

One WH word that is pronounced differently is WHO. We don't pronounce it who or woo. We say HOO. We don't sound the W at all. We do the same with WHOSE (HOOS)

Practice these sentences. Repeat them until you can say them fast.

1. Watch what I can do.
2. I don't know whether the weather will be good tomorrow.
3. Which witch is the good witch?
4. What does the whale weigh?
5. When did they win?
6. Why have two wives?

This conversation uses "word" idioms. Read and answer the questions.

Megan: Nan, **could I have a word** with you?

Nan: Sure, Megan. What's **on your mind**?

Megan: I talked to you last month about **showing up** late for work. You **gave me your word** you would be here on time every day. But when I look at the records, you have been late at least one day each week. It seems your promise to be on time was just **empty words**.

Nan: **My word**, Megan! I can't believe you are criticizing me about this. I'm your best employee. I make more sales than anyone here. Yet, you give me a hard time about being 5 minutes late occasionally.

1. What does Megan want to have a word with Nan about?
2. What did Nan give her word to do?
3. What does Megan mean by "empty words"?
4. How does Nan feel about being criticized.
5. Nan says she is a good employee. She says she makes more sales than anyone. Is Megan foolish to criticize Nan about occasionally being late?
6. How important is "showing up on time" for a business?
7. Do people in your culture value being on time or are they usually late?
8. There is a saying, "Sticks and stones can break my bones, but words can never hurt me." What does this mean? Is it true?
9. Describe a time someone hurt your feelings with their words.

GRAMMAR

We use present tense to talk about something that happens repeatedly. EX: I eat breakfast every morning at 9. We use present continuous to talk about something that is happening now. EX: I am working right now.

Put the either present continuous or present tense in the sentences below. Use the verb in parenthesis.

1. practice: You can't mow the field now because the players _____ on it.
2. listen: Every morning I _____ to The Morning Show on the radio.
3. fall: Because of gravity, objects _____ down when they are released.
4. grow: Coffee _____ in mountainous areas, not in deserts.
5. shine/sing: It's a beautiful day. The sun _____ and the birds _____.
6. shine: Near the Arctic Circle, the sun _____ for more than twenty hours a day in summer.
7. call: Hello, Sara. I _____ to invite you to my house for dinner.
8. try: Please be quiet. I _____ to concentrate.
9. fail: My grades are horrible this semester. I _____ three courses.
10. bite: My daughter always _____ her fingernails.