

FUMC ESL 9-15-2025 Lesson

Introduce yourself. Tell where you are from. Tell something about your family. Introduce the person on your left.

Match the words in the list below with their **antonyms** in the table. An antonym means the opposite. EX: Hot is the antonym for cold. Rich and poor are antonyms. Long and short are antonyms. Give an example of some antonyms you know.

The antonym of bitter is _____

The antonym of borrow is _____

The antonym of better is _____

The antonym of best is _____

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sweet: a pleasant, sugary taste. We can use sweet as an adjective. EX: This apple tastes sweet. Or we can use it as a noun to mean any sweet thing. EX: My children love sweets, but I don't let them have many.

Name some things that are sweet. What is one of your favorite sweets? Are sweets bad for you? How do you keep your kids from eating too many sweets? Students tell me foods in the U.S. are sweeter than in their home country. Do you agree?

Sweet can also mean really good. EX: You have such a sweet life now that you are retired. You do exactly what you want every day. Do you feel like you have a sweet life? We can use sweet as an adjective to describe things we really like. EX: That's a really sweet car. I just bought a sweet computer. Do you have anything that you would describe as sweet?

Sweetie is a term we use for people we love. EX: My husband is my sweetie. OR Sweetie, will you help me with the dishes. What loving words do you and your partner use? What loving names have you heard couples call each other?

Short and Sweet means short but relevant. EX: I dread Monday morning meetings because they are usually long and boring. We already know all the information discussed. But this morning, my new boss ran the meeting. He promised to make the meeting short and sweet.

Do you have a lot of meetings where you work? Are they usually short and to the point, or do they drag on and bore you?

Sweet Talk: This can mean speech that flatters you. Usually someone is flattering you in order to get you to do something you might not want to do. My mother could sweet talk me into anything. The conversation below was an example.

Mother: *You are such a good cook. Your corn casserole is wonderful. No one makes it as well as you do.*

Me: *Thank you, Mom. I'm really glad you like it so much.*

Mother: *Everyone enjoys your corn casserole so much, would you make it for the family at Thanksgiving. You might have to double the recipe because there will be twenty of us.*

Me: *Sure, Mom. I'll do it for you.*

Describe a time when someone sweet talked you into doing something you didn't want to do.

Bitter: means having a sharp, unpleasant taste EX: Some grapefruit have a bitter taste. Some cultures like things with a sharp, bitter taste. There is a food I tasted from South Korea that was very bitter. I couldn't eat it, but the Korean students thought it was very good. They were used to the taste and didn't think it was unpleasant. Are there bitter foods that you eat and enjoy in your country?

Bitter Pill to Swallow means something unpleasant that you are forced to accept. EX: Jim's parents stopped giving him money to live. He was forced to get a job. It was a bitter pill to swallow because he had been living free for a long time.

EX: My husband decided to get a PhD in Austin. That meant we had to move. I didn't like the idea of leaving my family and a job I loved. It was a bitter pill to swallow.

What were your feelings about leaving home to come to the U.S.? Was it a bitter pill to swallow, or were you excited about the opportunity.

Bitter Taste in my Mouth means a negative impression. It doesn't literally mean a taste. EX: The fact that he lied on his application left a bitter taste in my mouth. I don't think we should hire him. EX: The teacher's remarks about my son left a bitter taste in my mouth.

Describe a situation when you have had a bitter taste in your mouth.

His Bark Is Worse Than His Bite: This describes people who seem very aggressive, but never do anything aggressive. EX: That old man yells at the kids when they go through his yard, but he would never do anything to hurt them. His bark is worse than his bite.

Do you know anyone whose bark is worse than their bite?