

FUMC ESL 11-6-2025 High Intermediate and Advanced Lesson

Introduce yourself. Who holds the purse strings in your family?

Read and Discuss:

Sally was mad at her husband, Sam. Sam went off for the weekend with the boys. Sally stayed home alone. She was bored. She was mad that Sam would go off with the boys. After all, they had only been married a few weeks. Sally sat at home. She tried watching TV, but it wasn't entertaining. She tried reading a magazine, but that didn't hold her interest either. She decided to go to the mall. Sally went on a spending spree at the mall. She spent over two hundred dollars on things she didn't need. When Sam came home, he was shocked to see all the things Sally bought. Sam said, "I don't think we can afford for me to go off with the boys." Sally smiled.

1. Why was Sally mad at Sam?
2. How did Sally try to entertain herself?
3. How do you entertain yourself when you're alone?
4. What did Sally do at the mall?
5. What is a "spending spree"?
6. Why was Sam shocked when he got home?
7. What did Sam say?
8. Did Sally teach Sam a lesson?
9. Do you think Sally did the right thing?
10. Would you be mad if your husband went away with the boys after just a few weeks of marriage?
11. Have you ever gone on a spending spree? What did you buy?

Tim and Karen had not planned to go out this Friday night. They both were looking forward to a quiet night at home after a busy week at work. But on the way home, they passed their favorite Chinese restaurant. "Hey, do you want to have Chinese tonight," asked Tim. "That sounds great. I'm really hungry for Chinese food," said Karen. So they made a spur of the moment decision to go into the restaurant. When they went inside, they discovered their next door neighbors had just sat down at a table for four. The neighbors waved Tim and Karen over to join them. The four of them enjoyed a great Chinese dinner. Then their neighbors suggested they all go to a bar down the street for a nightcap. To their surprise, there was a great jazz guitarist playing. He was really talented and they stayed for his whole set. It was after midnight when Tim and Karen finally got home. They were exhausted. Tim said, "Tomorrow night, we must not make any spur of the moment plans. We really must have a quiet evening at home."

1. What were Tim and Karen looking forward to?
2. What are you looking forward to happening this weekend?
3. What did Tim suggest to Karen?
4. What is a spur of the moment decision?
5. Who was inside the restaurant?
6. What did the neighbors do when they saw Tim and Karen?

7. After dinner where did they go?
8. Who was playing at the bar?
9. How long did they stay at the bar?
10. When did they get home?
11. Will they go out on Saturday night?
12. Talk about a spur of the moment decision you have made that turned out well.

Jim and Helen work together. One day, Helen invited Jim to the cafe down the street for lunch. Jim ordered a salad, but Helen was very hungry and ordered a plate of spaghetti with bread and a salad. Halfway through the meal, Helen pushed her plate away. Jim said, "You didn't like the food?" Helen said, "No, it was very good, but my eyes were bigger than my stomach." I'll ask them to pack up the remainder of my meal and I'll finish it tonight for dinner. When the check came, Jim reached for it. He said, "Let's split this." But Helen insisted that the meal was her treat. She wouldn't let Jim pay. Jim finally agreed, but said, "Next time, lunch is on me."

1. What did Helen invite Jim to do?
2. In your culture, do work mates frequently go to lunch together?
3. Who was the hungriest?
4. Do you like to eat a big meal at lunch or dinner?
5. What does, "my eyes were bigger than my stomach" mean?
6. Do you frequently put more on your plate than you can finish?
7. What did Helen want the restaurant to pack up?
8. Do you enjoy eating leftover food?
9. Do you think Helen should have split the bill with Jim?