

## FUMC ESL 12-8-2025 Intermediate to Advanced Lesson

**Calendar Notes:** Our last ESL class in the fall semester will be Dec. 18th. We will have a lesson from 10 to 11 AM. Then from 11 to 12 we will have a pot luck party. At a potluck party, everyone brings a food. It's great if you bring something from your home country. But it isn't required. In fact, you can come even if you can't bring food. There will be plenty of food to share. After Dec. 18th, we will be on a break until the spring semester begins on January 5th. If you usually attend the zoom class, but you live in Austin, you are welcome to come to the pot luck party at the church. Our address is 1300 Lavaca. It is on the bus route.

NOTE: The zoom classes will NOT meet on Dec. 18th. The zoom teachers want to come to the potluck party. We hope some of the zoom students will come as well.

Last week we heard that "Variety is the spice of life." In other words, it is what makes life interesting. That led to a discussion about spices. Today the in person teachers have brought spices for you to smell and taste. Tell which of these spices is most familiar to you. Which spices do you often use?

### **Read the article below and explain the underlined words. Summarize the article**

#### **The Global Journey of Spices**

For thousands of years, spices have shaped cuisines, economies, and even empires. In ancient times, cinnamon, pepper, and cloves were so valuable that they were used as currency in trade between Asia, Africa, and Europe. Today, spices no longer carry the same economic power, but they continue to influence cultural identity and culinary traditions. In many countries, families closely guard their spice blends, passing them down from generation to generation. These blends do more than season food—they preserve history. Despite globalization, regional spices like Ethiopian berbere or Indian garam masala maintain their unique character and remind us that taste can be a bridge between past and present.

- 1-Does this article imply that spices were quite valuable?
- 2-Does this article imply that spices influence culture?
- 3-What spices do you use in your culture?
- 4-Do people in your culture enjoy very spicy food? What are some examples of dishes that are spicy?

#### **Phrasal Verb Exercise: Choose the correct phrasal verb.**

- 1-Now that your house is (fixed up / dressed up / used up), it will be worth more money.
- 2-I (put through / put away / put down) the clean dishes and loaded the dirty ones in the dishwasher.

3-During the flood, we had a little water leak into the basement. But it's all (used up / put away / dried up) now.

4-When we arrived at their house, it was all (dried up / wrapped up / lit up) with Christmas lights.

5-I'm sorry I didn't go to your party. I had a meeting at work that I couldn't (get out of / get into / get over)

6-Mother just got out of the hospital and didn't (feel around / feel up to / feel about) going to the party.

7-I'm sorry our lunch date didn't (work over / work in / work out). We'll try again in a few weeks.

8-I need to ( look over / take in / see about ) finding a new apartment for my parents. The one they are in now is too expensive.

9-We were headed into town when we (came into / came upon / came over) the accident. We pulled our car off to the side and went to help those that were injured.

10-We must decide which car to buy. It (boils over/ boils down to / boils up to) which car gets the best gas mileage.

11-Please buy sugar when you go to the store. I (used over / wore out / used up) all the sugar when I made the birthday cake.

12-I'd like to go with my wife to Chicago, but I'm not sure I can (get off / get it / get over).

13- Don't just (stand up / stand it / stand around), do something!

14-My sister has twin boys. It's hard to ( tell them around/ tell them apart / tell them about).

15-His speech was (strived for / aimed at / intended to ) women voters.

16-Looking at these pictures makes many memories (come over / come in / come back).

17-He (comes away / comes apart / comes across ) as a nice guy when you first meet him, but when you get to know him better, he's actually very deceitful.

18-Susan's parents died when she was young. She was (brought up / brought to / brought out) by her grandparents