

FUMC ESL 4-27-2026 Lesson

Announcement—Monday, May 18th will be our last class of the spring semester. Many of our teachers will be vacationing in the summer and will not be available to teach. Classes will resume September 10th.

Announcement—We use the same lesson for in person and zoom classes. The lesson has to be longer for the zoom classes, because they do not take a 15 to 20 minute break for conversation. So if you are attending class in person, you must expect us not to finish the lesson most of the time. If there are sections of the lesson that you really want to focus on, tell the teacher. She will be happy to work on that part of the lesson first.

Introduce yourself: name, home country, profession

Name something that:

- a) is more expensive in the U.S. than in your home country
- b) you look forward to doing in the future
- c) brings you great joy
- d) you can buy at a hardware store
- e) you frequently buy at the grocery store
- f) you feel is a man's chore
- g) you would never ask someone
- h) you wish you had learned in school
- i) you would love to ask a student in your group

Prepositional Phrases: Make a sentence with each prepositional phrase.

a couple of: _____

all of the women: _____

to help us: _____

on the sidewalk: _____

at night: _____

Read and discuss:

1—Banks **lend** money. Libraries **lend** books. You can **borrow** money from a bank or **borrow** books from a library. If someone asked you to **lend** them money, would you do it?

A real experience: Our next door neighbor asked to borrow several thousand dollars to help them get out of debt. My husband and I were **in a bind**. We didn't want to insult the neighbor, but they were frequently in debt and we were afraid our loan wouldn't be repaid. We told them we couldn't loan them money. It was very awkward, but we did remain friends. Have you ever been asked for a loan? What would you do in this situation? Do you think it is hard to remain friends with someone who owes you money? Would you loan money to a family member?

2—Elaine made no money out of the **biography** she wrote. The book was a **labor of love**. It was her way to **pay her respects** to her mother. Elaine's description of her family was quite **touching**. Even my father was **moved** when he read it.

When is a time you would normally "pay your respects" to someone? How would you pay your respects?

What do you do for your family that is a labor of love?

I am moved when I see _____.

I think it is touching when _____.

3—The **critics** told Erin her new book would be a **bust**, but they were wrong. Her book was **wildly popular**. She **made a bundle** on the book. Now she is **leading the life of Riley**. Personally, I think her writing **leaves a lot to be desired**, but I **wouldn't dream of telling her** that.

Talk about something that is wildly popular in your country now.

Life of Riley means a carefree, luxurious, or very comfortable life, free from work or responsibility. Do you know anyone who is leading the life of Riley?

Something that leaves a lot to be desired means it is unsatisfactory or bad. Name something that you feel leaves a lot to be desired.

3—Tom is the most **laid back** person I know. Nothing on earth seems to bother him. He'd **be the last person** to complain about any **affront**. Some people say he is too **lackadaisical**.

Affront means an insult. For example—"Her refusal to shake hands with the president was an affront to his dignity." Have you ever witnessed an affront?

Lackadaisical means: a person or action that is lazy and lacking effort. A lackadaisical effort leads to poor results. Read these examples:

"The team's lackadaisical effort in the game resulted in a loss."

"Service at the restaurant was lackadaisical; we waited twenty minutes for water".

"His lackadaisical attempt at cleaning left dust in all the corners".