

FUMC ESL 5-14-2026

Next Monday, May 18th is our last class day for spring. We will resume fall classes on September 10th.

Introduce yourself. Are you a person of wide interests? Talk about all the things you are interested in. Talk about your favorite hobby.

BARE INFINITIVES-That is infinitives without the TO.
This is common with verbs such as MAKE, LET, HELP, SEE, HEAR, WATCH, FEEL.

Read these examples:

1. She helped me **find** the best school for my children.
2. Everyone should help **reduce** carbon emissions.
3. We helped **carry** in the groceries.
4. They made us **wait** for an hour.
5. We made him **apologize**.
6. I saw her **leave**.
7. We heard them **open** the door.
8. I watched her **play** tennis.
9. She felt her heart **pound**.
10. I felt him **touch** my shoulder.
11. She heard the doorbell **ring**.
12. He watched the boys **break** the glass.

Grammar Quiz. Choose the correct option to fill in the blank.

1-I enjoy ___ to the park in the summer.

- a-to go b-going c-being gone d-go

2-Don't forget ___ as soon as you arrive in Chicago.

- a-to call b-calling c-call d-to be called

3-I got a lot of threatening calls so I had _____ my phone number.

- a-change b-changed c-to change d-changing

4-You should consider _____ an actress. You are very talented.

- a-to become b-become c-becoming d-will become

5-After their children left home, they decided ___ to a condo near downtown.

- a-moved b-moving c-move d-to move

6-Are you interested in _____ the new movie that just came out?

- a-to see b-see c-being seen d-seeing

7-Did someone help you ___ this research paper?

- a-write b-to write c-writing d-be writing

8-The manager caught the clerk _____ money from the cash drawer.
a-to steal b-stealing c-stole d-being stolen

9-It was difficult _____ the speaker.
a-to hear b-hearing c-heard d-to heard

10-My family had a lot of fun _____ at old pictures.
a-looking b-look c-looked d-to look

Discuss these idioms.

1.If it was already bad but got worse, we say it has, “gone from bad to worse”.

Talk about something you know of that has gone from bad to worse.

2.When you “get off on the wrong foot”, you make a bad start with someone. EX: Bill and Sara got off on the wrong foot because he was two hours late picking her up.

Talk about a time when you “got off on the wrong foot” with someone and tell how that turned out.

3. The phrase, “Two wrongs don’t make a right.” means that you should not do harm to a person who has done harm to you, even if you think that person deserves it. For example: Bobby took Ellen's ball away from her. So she ran and got Bobby's baseball glove and took it.

Have you ever been tempted to do something wrong to someone because they wronged you?

4. If you say, “The right hand doesn’t know what the left hand is doing.” it means that one group doesn't know about or understand what another group in the same organization is doing. EX: The sales department ordered lots of office supplies. But the accounting department refused to pay for the order because there wasn't enough money in the budget for lots of supplies. The sales department should have checked with accounting to make sure there was money to pay for the supplies.

Tell about a time the right hand didn't know what the left hand was doing.

5.If your, “heart is in the right place”, you have good intentions even though you might not be the most polite person. EX: She's not the most polite person I know, but her heart is in the right place. She always intends to be nice.

Do you know anyone who is a bit gruff, but has their heart in the right place?

6.If you “put something right, “ you correct something that has gone wrong. For example, you might make a thoughtless comment that hurts someone's feelings. Then later, you have to return and apologize to “put things right”?

Talk about something you had to apologize for.