

FUMC ESL 10-1-2026 Lesson

Announcement: MONDAY, **OCTOBER 12TH** IS A HOLIDAY. WE WILL **NOT** HAVE CLASS THAT DAY. PLEASE MARK YOUR CALENDARS.

Introduce yourself. Tell where you are from. Tell how many brothers and sisters you have.

PRONUNCIATION: Practice these words and phrases that sound similar.

least - list	seat - sit	heat - hit	feet. - fit
leave - live	Heat it now. Hit it now.	Change the wheel. Change the will.	He will leave. He will live. P
Please sit in this seat.	He did a good deed	Phil doesn't feel well.	Potato chips are cheap.
field - filled	bean - bin	beat - bit	team - Tim

Listen to your teacher say these sentences. Circle the word you hear the teacher say.

1. They cleaned the (ship / sheep).
2. Will he (leave / live)?
3. The boy was (beaten / bitten).
4. His clothes are (neat / knit).
5. She has plump (cheeks / chicks).
6. I like low (hills / heels).
7. The children will (slip / sleep).
8. I heard every (beat / bit)
9. They stored the (bins / beans).
10. I don't know how I (feel / fill).

Read the paragraphs below. Discuss the meaning of the phrases in bold text. Answer the questions.

1. Sally spoke to the surgeon after her mother's surgery. The surgeon said that her mother, will probably **pull through**, but she is not **out of the woods** yet. What did the surgeon mean?

The doctor encouraged Sally to have a **physical**, because her mother's heart condition, **runs in families**. Should Sally be **alarmed**? What are some examples of disease that runs in families?

My grandparents were **partially deaf**. They had to wear **hearing aids**. My mother also had to wear hearing aids. I wear hearing aids and my niece and her daughter have to wear hearing aids. **Deafness** definitely runs in my family. Are you aware of any disease that runs in your family?

Another way to talk about something physical you **inherited** from a parent is to say, "**I have Dad's eyes.**" or "**I'm the spitting image of my Mother.**" Who do you look like? What features do you have that are like one of your parents or grandparents.

2. Bev has two small children. She is teaching them to read though they are only 3 and 4. She teaches them to speak Chinese as well as English. She has hired a violin teacher to teach them to play. She buys lots of educational toys and games. She is worried that her children won't be successful unless she pushes them to learn. Bev's mother tells Bev to relax and not to worry. Bev says, "What if they **get behind** in school?" Bev's mother says, "**You can cross that bridge when you come to it.**"

Do you think Bev is right or Bev's mother is right? Do you think parent's worry too much about their children being successful? Do you think pushing children to learn and get ahead is more important to parents in your culture than in the U.S.?

3. James and Jackie have been married for a year now. Before they were married, James played poker with his buddies once a week. James loves poker and enjoys the time spent with the guys. But Jackie feels like now that they are married, James should give up his poker nights. Jackie's mother says: "**Old habits die hard.**"

What does she mean? Do you agree with Jackie that James should give up his old habits? Have you ever faced a problem like this?

4. Pat and Kate live in a **high crime neighborhood**. When they first moved in, they were **diligent** about locking their doors and windows before they left the house. They always left outside lights on at night. And they set their security alarm. But after a few years with no problems, they got a little **lackadaisical**. They stopped leaving on lights and didn't always check to see that the doors and windows were locked. One night their house was broken into. The robbers took their TV, computers and lots of other valuables. Pat and Kate are sad that they **let their guard down**.

Are you cautious about locking up your house? Do you have an alarm? Do you have a security camera? Do you feel safe in your home here? Did you feel safer in your home country? Who is more worried about safety, you or your spouse? Is your neighborhood a safe one? Would you walk in your neighborhood after dark?