

FUMC ESL 9-17-2026 Lesson

Introduce yourself. Tell where you are from. Tell something you did or learned this summer.

Discuss:

1. Tell what numbers you have memorized (ex: phone number, address, social security, driver's license).
2. Can you count in any other language?
3. What numbers are lucky or unlucky in your culture?
4. Are you good at numbers? Can you add, subtract, multiply and divide in your head?

More Idioms With Numbers- Read the short paragraph. Explain what it says in your own words. Answer the question.

1--I went to bed late last night. Jim was still up, doing his homework. Jim always waits until **the eleventh hour** to do his homework.

Does Jim get his homework done as soon as it is assigned?

2--We made lots of paper butterflies to hang in the church. Some of the girls were still working when I left. There were **one hundred and counting** when I left.

Will the girls have more than or less than one hundred butterflies when they finish?

3--The church asked us to make some posters for Sunday School. We made six posters. Then someone turned over the paint can on the posters. Now we are back to square one.

Why will they have to begin again?

4--Jane is in **seventh heaven**. She has been hoping to have some grandchildren. Today she found out her daughter is pregnant. Jane will have a grandchild soon.

What did Jane find out today? How does she feel about it? How would you feel about it? Would you be happy, sad, worried or pleased?

5--Tom is **of two minds** about accepting the new job. He will make more money, but he will have to work longer hours.

How does Tom feel about his new job offer? How would you feel about a job offer like that.

6--Maria came to the party **dressed to the nines**. Everyone else wore casual wear. But you can always count on Maria to dress up.

Was Maria overdressed? Would you be embarrassed if you had on fancy clothes and everyone else had on very casual clothes? Do people dress up more or less in the U.S. compared to your country? Do you like dressing up in fancy clothes or do you prefer very casual clothes?

7--I feel so full. I ate too much. I had **one too many** tacos. They were so delicious that I couldn't stop myself.

Why did he/she eat so many tacos? What is a food that you usually eat too much of because it's so delicious?

8--I can pick up Charlie from school on my way to drop off my laundry at the laundromat. That will **kill two birds with one stone**.

Why is she killing birds? What is really happening? Do you try to group your errands together so you kill two birds with one stone? Name some errands you do frequently.

9--If you take a test, and you don't know the correct answer, just guess. **Nine times out of ten**, your first guess will be the right one.

What advice is given here? Do you agree with this advice? Do you ever guess on a test?

10--I dropped my ring and it rolled under the bed. I got down **on all fours** to look for it.

Why was she on all fours?

PRONUNCIATION: Pronouncing D and TH sounds

When you pronounce the D sound, the tip of your tongue should touch the upper gum just behind, but not touching, your front teeth. If you move the tip of your tongue forward where it touches the teeth, you will make the TH sound.

Practice these D and TH sounds.

bath - bed	breath - bread	filled - filth	mad - math
pad - path	day - they	den - thin	dough - though
sudden - southern	there - dare	ladder - lather	the - duh
Seth fell in thick mud.	Beth does math in the bath.	Thad has three thumbs.	We had threatening thunderstorms on Thursday.