

## LOW INTERMEDIATE LESSON

Last lesson we talked about ways to use the verb “come”. Review the meanings of the phrases from last lesson: *come with*, *come by*, *come toward*, *come open*, *come up to*. Make a sentence with each phrase.

Today we learn some more ways to use the verb COME.

1-If you ask someone why something happens, you use “**How come?**”

TY: I can’t come to your party.

SUE: Oh no. *How come?*

TY: I don’t have a babysitter for the kids.

2-If you “**come across**” something, you find it. EX: I *came across* some old photos when I cleaned out my cabinet.

3-If something “**comes apart**” it splits, separates or fails. EX: I picked up the old book and it *came apart* in my hands. The muffins *come apart* when you pick them up. This dress is so old it is *coming apart* at the seams. My wife is very unhappy. Our marriage is *coming apart*.

4-If you “**come back**” you return to a place. EX: I hope you *come back* to see us. *We came back* to the class after the break.

5-If something “**comes down**” it gets lower. EX: The prices will *come down* after Christmas. Three trees *came down* in the wind storm. People sometimes use **come down** to mean come south. EX: My sister *came down* from New York.  
If you **come up** to a place, you travel north. EX: My friend from Mexico *came up* to see me.

6-If you get an illness, you “**come down with**” it. EX: I *came down* with a cold while I was in Canada. I think I am *coming down* with the flu.

7-If something is “**coming up**”, it is happening soon. EX: My birthday is *coming up* in a few days. I have a big test *coming up* soon.

**Use the words in the table to fill in the blanks below. You may work with a partner.**

come with	come by	come toward	come open	How come?
come up to	come across	comes apart	come back	comes down
come up	come down with	coming up		

1. Our anniversary is \_\_\_\_\_ next week. I need to find a good gift for my wife.
2. Be careful with that old, wooden box. Sometimes when you pick it up, it \_\_\_\_\_.
3. The bus was stuck on the train tracks. The train was \_\_\_\_\_ us fast.
4. I shut the door, but sometimes it \_\_\_\_\_. I need to fix the lock.
5. I had a great time. I will \_\_\_\_\_ to this class again.

6. I'm not going to school this semester. \_\_\_\_\_? I thought you liked school.
7. My aunt from Michigan \_\_\_\_\_ to Texas every summer.
8. I had a nice time visiting my grandchildren, but I \_\_\_\_\_ a sore throat.
9. I \_\_\_\_\_ your keys when I looked for my wallet.
10. Please \_\_\_\_\_ our house after you finish your lunch.
11. Sara and I are going to lunch. Do you want to \_\_\_\_\_ us?
12. My friend lives in Canada. She wants me to \_\_\_\_\_ to see her this summer.
13. My boyfriend is very tall. I am short. I only \_\_\_\_\_ his shoulder.

**Practicing Conversations: Read these with a partner. Answer the questions. Then discuss with your class.**

**Olga:** Hi, Jess. What are you doing in Austin?

**Jess:** Hi, Olga. Jeff and I live here now.

**Olga:** How long have you been here?

**Jess:** A few weeks. We moved here in July.

**Olga:** Do you work here?

**Jess:** No. I stay home with the baby. Jeff works for Samsung now.

**Olga:** How is the baby? Is he a year old?

**Jess:** His birthday is *coming up* next month.

**Olga:** Do you like Austin?

**Jess:** It's OK. It is really hot here in the summer.

**Olga:** I agree. But it will be nice in October or November. You and Jeff should *come by* our apartment this Saturday. My sister *came down* from New York last week. She would love to see you.

**Jess:** I would like to see your sister, but we *can't come* this Saturday.

**Olga:** *How come?*

**Jess:** My parents are *coming over* to see the baby. I promised them we would be home.

**Olga:** I have four tickets to the play on Sunday. Can you and Jeff *come with us?*

**Jess:** Jeff is in Houston today. But I will ask him when he *comes back* tomorrow.

**Olga:** I hope you can *come*. I have to go now. Call me if you can *come* to the play.

**Jess:** It was good to see you, Olga. I will be in touch.

1. Who just moved here?
2. Who works at Samsung?
3. How long has Jess lived in Austin?
4. Who works at Samsung?
5. Who stays home with the baby?
6. Whose sister is visiting from New York?
7. Who has tickets to a play?
8. Who is in Houston today?

9. Was Olga surprised to see Jess in Austin?
10. What does Jess mean when she says she will be “in touch”?

**Pharmacist:** What can I do for you?

**Ray:** I think I'm *coming down with* a cold?

**Pharmacist:** We have cold medicine on aisle 4. It will be on the left side.

**Ray:** Thanks. Where can I find cough drops?

**Pharmacist:** They are at the front of the store by the cash register. You will see them when you check out. If you don't find them, ask the cashier. We also have a new kind of cough medicine that just *came out*. It's called CoughEX. You can try that if you want. It's right next to the cough drops.

**Ray:** Thanks. Oh, I almost forgot what I *came for!* My baby needs diapers. Do you sell diapers here?

**Pharmacist:** We do have some at the back of the store. *Come with me* and I'll show you where they are.

**Ray:** Thanks, you were very helpful.

**Pharmacist:** You're welcome. *Come to me* any time you have a medical question.

1. Name some things Ray is shopping for.
2. Was the pharmacist helpful? Give examples.
3. Are the cough drops on aisle 4?
4. Does the pharmacy sell diapers?
5. What new medicine has just “come out”?