

FUMC ESL 11-16-2020 High Beginning and Low Intermediate Online Lesson

Introduce yourself. Tell where you are from and where you live now. Fill in the blank: The best thing my parents ever did for me was _____.

Put "since" or "for" in the blanks.

1. I have waited _____ two hours.
2. She has worked here _____ 2009.
3. He has worked here _____ ten years.
4. I have felt bad _____ I got up this morning.
5. They have dated _____ ages.
6. She has known him _____ she was a child.
7. We taught at this school _____ a year.
8. We have taught at this school _____ it opened.

In English, is and has can both be contracted to 's. For example: "Mira's gone home," is short for "Mira has gone home." "Mira's at home," is short for "Mira is at home."

Tell whether the 's stands for IS or HAS. The first two are done for you.

1. He's absent. is
2. Saul's been a doctor for two years. has
3. Her brother's left the hospital.
4. He's not happy.
5. He's felt bad all week.
6. How much is this newspaper? It's free.
7. The employee's taken the money.
8. Mike's taking a break.
9. Mike's taken two breaks today.
10. Ted's finished the report.
11. She's coming to our home tonight.
12. The party's over.

Choose between present perfect tense or past tense.

1. Botswana (became / has become) an independent country in 1966.
2. Botswana (was / has been) an independent country for over fifty years.
3. It's raining. It (was / has been) raining all day.
4. I (have known / knew) Tim since he was a child.
5. I (have known / knew) Tim when he was a child.
6. Mark (has taken / took) a trip to Africa last fall.
7. Mark (has taken / took) a trip to Africa every year since he turned 18.
8. Last year, Ivan (has played / played) the violin in a concert.
9. After college Judy (has written / wrote) several articles for a fashion magazine.

10. Since she graduated from college, Judy (has written / wrote) several articles for the magazine.
11. My brother is a pilot. Last year he (has flown / flew) over 100,000 miles.
12. He (has flown / flew) since he got his pilot license at the age of 21.
13. Mark introduced me to his sister. Now I (have met / met) everyone in his family.
14. This flight seems long. We (have flown / flew) for over ten hours. I hope we land soon.
15. I (have wanted / wanted) to fly to London for my birthday.
16. I (have wanted / wanted) to fly to London since I was a teenager.

Up A Tree -- A Neighbor's Question

Jack owns a tree service. Happily, his business is doing well. He has two employees, Ben and Leo. Jack and his workers are very busy. Sometimes they trim trees. Sometimes they cut down trees. Their work is difficult and dangerous.

1. What is a tree service?
2. Why do you think their job is dangerous?
3. How is Jack's business doing?

Today, Jack, Ben and Leo are working for Mrs. Alba, a woman in Jack's neighborhood. She has a big pine tree next to her house. The tree has heavy branches. Some of the branches are growing over her roof. If the branches fall, they will damage her home. This worries Mrs. Alba.

1. Who is Mrs. Alba?
2. What worries Mrs. Alba?

Jack and his workers can help Mrs. Alba. They have the right tools. They have the right equipment. And they have a lot of experience with trees. Ben is sawing off the heavy branches that hang over the roof. Leo is picking up the branches and putting them into the wood chipper. The wood chipper cuts the branches into tiny pieces. Mrs. Alba is talking to Jack. "This is hard work!" she says. "Thank you for your help."

1. Why can Jack and his workers help Mrs. Alba?
2. What is Ben doing?
3. What is Leo doing?
4. What does the wood chipper do?

"You're welcome," says Jack. "Thank you for calling me."

"I can't trim this tree by myself," says Mrs. Alba. "I'm afraid of heights."

"Never trim a tree by yourself," says Jack. "It isn't safe. Leave it to the experts."

1. Why can't Mrs. Alba trim the tree?
2. What does Jack tell Mrs. Alba?
3. What does Jack mean when he says, "Leave it to the experts."

Jack and his workers work all day at Mrs. Alma's house. Trimming trees takes a lot of time. Jack is tired. He finally arrives home at 7 PM. He gets out of his van and sees Sam. Sam is another neighbor. He's 75 years old and retired. He lives in a big house with his cat, Tiger. Sam likes to talk and he always wants Jack to help him do things. Jack smiles and says hello. "Can I talk to you?" says Sam, holding Tiger in his arms. Jack doesn't really want to talk now. He is tired and hungry. But he wants to be kind. And he wants to be a good neighbor.

1. What happens when Jack gets home?
2. What do we know about Sam?
3. What does Sam always want Jack to do?
4. How does Jack feel about Sam?

"Sure," says Jack. "What's up?"

Sam points to his tall oak tree across the street. "I need a favor," says Sam. "My oak tree is too big. I want to trim it before the spring. Can you help me?"

"Of course," says Jack. "I'll come over in the morning and give you an estimate."

Sam is surprised. "An estimate?" says Sam. Now Sam looks angry. Tiger hisses at Jack.

"Yes," says Jack. "I need to look at the tree. Then I'll give you a price."

"Do you want me to pay?" asks Sam. "You are not being a good neighbor."

1. What does Sam want?
2. What does Jack tell Sam he will do?
3. Why does Sam get angry?
4. Do you agree that Jack is not being a good neighbor.
5. Do you have neighbors that ask for favors?