

FUMC ESL 11-30-2020 High Beginning and Low Intermediate Online Lesson  
Introduce yourself. Tell where you are from and where you live now. Have you ever owned your own business? What kind of business would you like to own?

**REVIEW:** Use the word in parenthesis to put the correct verb tenses in the blanks.

1. (fly) We \_\_\_\_\_ to New York every Christmas. We have \_\_\_\_\_ to New York at least six times. We \_\_\_\_\_ there last year. We will \_\_\_\_\_ there this year too.
2. (forget) I'm sorry. I've \_\_\_\_\_ your name. I always \_\_\_\_\_ people's names, but I will never \_\_\_\_\_ your name again.
3. (finish) Have you \_\_\_\_\_ your lunch? If you \_\_\_\_\_ quickly, we can go downtown. I \_\_\_\_\_ my lunch thirty minutes ago.
4. (begin) I'd better sit down. My leg has \_\_\_\_\_ to hurt. It \_\_\_\_\_ to hurt last night, but I took an aspirin.
5. (ring) I \_\_\_\_\_ the doorbell when I arrived. No one answered. \_\_\_\_\_ it again. I have \_\_\_\_\_ the doorbell many times. I don't want to \_\_\_\_\_ it again.
6. (see) I \_\_\_\_\_ some boys jump the fence. I have \_\_\_\_\_ them jump the fence many times. If I \_\_\_\_\_ them jump the fence again, I will call the police.
7. (meet) I haven't \_\_\_\_\_ many of my neighbors. I \_\_\_\_\_ Julia yesterday. She lives next door. I will \_\_\_\_\_ her husband this weekend.
8. (break) That window \_\_\_\_\_ all the time. It \_\_\_\_\_ yesterday when the boys hit it with a ball. It \_\_\_\_\_ three times this year.

**Past Perfect Tense:** One tense we haven't studied is "past perfect". It is like present perfect except you use the past tense form of "have". Note that you can use the contracted form of had (I'd, you'd, he'd, she'd, we'd, they'd).

**Read these examples.**

Sam **had left** by the time I arrived.

Jess **had seen** the movie before.

I'd never **gone** to the theatre, so I enjoyed it very much.

Notice the difference between present perfect and past perfect.

It **has rained** all day.

It **had rained** the night before we left.

The kids **have eaten** all the cookies.

By the time we got home, the kids **had eaten** all the cookies.

**Has** she **heard** from her mom?

She **hadn't heard** from her mom by the time the plane took off.

I **have** never **played** football.

I **had** never **played** football until this year.

**Put either the present perfect or the past perfect verb in these sentences.**

1-(see) The neighbor came over and asked if we \_\_\_\_\_ her dog.  
I told her I \_\_\_\_\_ many dogs in the street, but not her dog.

2-(go) My boss came by my house, but I \_\_\_\_\_ to my daughter's for dinner.  
I \_\_\_\_\_ to her house every Sunday for years.

3-(leave) The police have arrived. It's too bad the other driver \_\_\_\_\_.  
If he \_\_\_\_\_ not \_\_\_\_\_, he might have been arrested.

4-(live) Marc \_\_\_\_\_ in Chicago for many years. He \_\_\_\_\_ in Detroit for five years  
before he moved to Chicago.

5-(visit) I \_\_\_\_\_ many doctors before I discovered what disease I had. \_\_\_\_\_ you  
\_\_\_\_\_ many doctors?

6-(show) Tom \_\_\_\_\_ Mother how to use her computer. I \_\_\_\_\_ her how to use her cell  
earlier.

### **Up a Tree -- Just Business**

*Review: Jack owns a tree business. He has two employees. He has a lot of business. He is very busy. Jack's neighbor, Sam wants Jack to trim his trees. But Sam doesn't want to pay Jack. Sam says Jack is not a good neighbor because he won't trim the trees for free.*

Jack sighs. He feels bad. He wants to be a good neighbor. But he can't trim Sam's oak tree for free. Jack explains that he has two employees. He pays for their health insurance. He pays for their worker's compensation benefits. His tools and equipment cost a lot of money. "Owning a tree service is expensive," says Jack. "But I can give you a discount." Now, Sam is happy once more and Tiger, his cat, is purring.

"How much is the discount?" asks Sam.

"I can trim your tree for \$600," says Jack. "You have a big oak tree. That's about half the usual price."

Sam is quiet for a moment. Then he looks angry again. He turns around and walks away. Jack is sorry that his neighbor is upset. But this is business.

"Never mind," shouts Sam, crossing the street. "I can trim the tree by myself."

"Please don't do that," says Jack.

"I don't need to spend \$600," says Sam. "I just need a ladder and a chainsaw. In fact, it looks easy."

"It isn't easy," says Jack. "And it's very dangerous."

### **Vocabulary:**

If you **compensate** someone, you pay them for something they have done or an injury they have suffered. **Compensation** is the money you get. In many states, employers must provide worker's compensation insurance for their employees.

**Questions:**

1. Why can't Jack trim Sam's tree for free?
2. Jack offers Sam a discount. What is a discount?
3. Why is Sam angry again?
4. What does Sam say he will do?
5. Why doesn't Jack want Sam to do it himself?

**Up a Tree --A Bad Dream**

Jack walks inside his house. He looks sad. Nora, his wife, is in the kitchen. "What's wrong?" she asks. "Is there a problem at work?"

"No," says Jack. "Work is fine." Then Jack tells Nora about their neighbor, Sam. "He wants me to trim his tree for free."

"Really," asks Nora.

"Yes," says Jack. "I can give him a 50% discount. But he doesn't want it. Now, he's angry with me. And he wants to trim the tree by himself."

"Oh no," says Nora. "He can't do that!"

All night, Jack worries about Sam. He dreams that Sam falls out of his tree. It is a terrible dream. When Jack wakes up in the morning, he is relieved. "Whew!" he thinks. "Sam is okay. It was only a dream." At breakfast, Jack tries not to think about Sam. He wants to be a good neighbor. But he needs to think about his business too.

At 7:00 AM, Jack leaves for work. He gets into his van and looks across the street. Sam is standing by his oak tree. Tiger, his cat, is on his shoulder. There is a ladder leaning against the tree, and Sam has a chainsaw in his hand.

**Questions:**

1. How much discount did Jack offer Sam?
2. What happens to Jack that night?
3. When Jack leaves for work, what is Sam doing?
4. Is Sam being unreasonable?