

FUMC ESL 12-10-2020 High Beginning and Low Intermediate Online Class

Introduce yourself. Tell where you are from and where you live now. Tell one thing you plan to do in the future.

Talking about FUTURE TENSE -- There are several ways we can talk about the future. We can say, "I **will plant** some flowers tomorrow." OR "I **am going to** plant some flowers tomorrow." Read these examples:

I **am going to** take English classes this fall. I **will improve** my English. I **am going to** practice my English every day.

In some cases you use present tense to talk about something that will happen in the future. EX: You must hurry! The train **leaves** in five minutes. We should get tickets for the new movie. It **starts** on Friday.

You can use present continuous to talk about the future. EX: I **am having** a dinner party tomorrow night. My sister **is getting** married next week. I **am attending** a conference in Chicago next weekend.

Exercise: Practice using **present continuous** and **simple present** to express future time. Put a check beside all the answers that are correct.

1--We have tickets for a puppet show today. The show _____.

- a. starts at 2 PM
- b. is starting at 2 PM
- c. is going to start at 2 PM

2--Look at those black clouds! Pretty soon it _____.

- a. rains
- b. is raining
- c. is going to rain

3-- This afternoon I have a lunch date with a friend. After that, we _____.

- a. are going to visit her aunt
- b. are visiting her aunt
- c. visit her aunt

4--I'm hurrying to catch a plane. It _____ !

- a. leaves in an hour
- b. is going to leave in an hour
- c. is leaving in an hour

5--I _____ with the doctor tomorrow.

- a. am meeting
- b. am going to meet
- c. will meet

Future continuous tense is used to talk about the future. EX: I **will be eating** dinner with Mother tomorrow. They **will be flying** to Italy next week. I can't go out with you tomorrow. **I'll be watching** my son's soccer game.

Exercise: Complete the sentences with **future continuous** or **present tense**.

1--Relax, Anthony. As soon as your broken ankle (heal) _____, you can play soccer again. By this time next week, you (play) _____ soccer.

2--I will meet you at the airport. After you (clear) _____ customs, look for me outside the gate. I (stand) _____ by the door.

3--Ruby won't be at this school when classes (start) _____ in September. She (attend) _____ a new school in Mexico City.

4--Jerry, please come visit me this afternoon. I (shop) _____ until 2 PM, but after that, I (work) _____ in my yard. We can visit while I plant my daisies.

5--I (attend) _____ the university this fall, but I will (return) _____ home in the spring.

6--When Sal (get) _____ up tomorrow morning, the sun (shine) _____.

7--He (fly) _____ to Australia tomorrow. He (fly) _____ for 23 hours.

Traveling by Plane: Use the words in the word bank below to fill in the blanks in the sentences.

terminal	departure lounge	passport	airport security	board
takes off	flight	lands	immigration	runway
baggage claim	customs	check-in	gate	

At the airport, you go inside the _____. You _____ and leave your bags. You look at the monitors to figure out what _____ your _____ leaves from. You go through _____ where your carry-on bags are x-rayed. You wait in the _____ for your flight to be called. When your flight is called, you line up and _____ the airplane. The airplane taxis down the _____ and _____. When the airplane _____, you get off the plane. You go to _____ to get your suitcases. If you have traveled from another country, you show your _____ as you go through _____. Then you go through _____ where you may have to open your bags and answer questions about what is in your suitcase.

Teachers and Students. This is a continuing story we have been reading. Some of the students read these first two chapters on Monday, but my class didn't get to these, so I put them on again.

Up a Tree -- Daily Visits

Sam's doctor tells him to stay in the hospital for a few days. Jack visits Sam every evening and brings different things: flowers, books, magazines, balloons, and snacks. He also brings a

photo of Tiger, Sam's cat. "Nora and I are taking good care of Tiger," says Jack. "Don't worry. Your cat is fine."

Sam is very happy to see Jack. During his visits, Sam likes to talk. Sometimes he talks about the news. Sometimes he talks about the weather. But he doesn't talk about his tall oak tree. And he doesn't talk about the accident. Jack doesn't talk about it either. Trimming trees is very dangerous, and Sam certainly knows this by now.

One evening, Sam makes an announcement: "The doctor is sending me home tomorrow." "Really?" says Jack. "Can you take care of yourself at home?" "Well, I need some help," says Sam. "Can you and Nora help me?" "Nora and I work full time," says Jack. "We aren't home during the day. But don't worry. I'll find a daytime caregiver for Sam. Jack and Nora can help in the evening. They will be good neighbors.

Discuss a time when you or a family member was in the hospital. What was your experience?

Up a Tree -- Finding a Caregiver

Jack needs to find a caregiver for Sam. Nora remembers Mrs. Alba. She is their neighbor, too. She has the big pine tree next to her house. She hires Jack to trim her tree every year. She is also an experienced caregiver. Mrs. Alba knows Sam and agrees to help him. She can prepare his food. She can help him bathe and get dressed. She can bring Sam his medicine. She can do some housekeeping. Mrs. Alba can even feed Sam's cat, Tiger.

"Thank you for helping," says Nora. Sam can't be alone yet. We don't want Sam to fall and break his other leg."

Jack can stay with Sam at night. He doesn't want Sam to be alone right now. "It's the right thing to do," says Jack. "I want his leg to heal." Everyone wants to help Sam get well. At the hospital, Jack tells Sam that three people can support him when he returns home. Mrs. Alba knows how to take care of disabled people. Jack and Nora will help after she goes home. Sam smiles. "You are all nice neighbors," says Sam, "much nicer than I was to you. Thanks."

Discuss: Who would you depend on if you got hurt or were sick?

Up a Tree -- A Surprise for Sam

On Thursday morning, Jack, Ben, and Leo go to Sam's house. They put on their helmets, gloves, safety glasses, and heavy clothing. They use their safety harnesses. Together, they trim Sam's oak tree. Jack stands high in the tree. He looks down at the ground far below. He thinks that Sam is lucky to be alive. Jack pays Ben and Leo for their work, but he won't charge Sam. Jack says, "This will be my welcome home gift for Sam."

Sam is released from the hospital. Jack drives him home. Mrs. Alba is waiting in front of the house with Tiger. Jack gets Sam's wheelchair out of the van. Mrs. Alba helps Sam get out of the van and holds him steady.

"Welcome home," says Mrs. Alba. "It's nice to see you home, Sam."

"It's nice to see you." says Sam. Then Sam looks at his oak tree. He sees that Jack trimmed it for him. Tears come to Sam's eyes. "Thank you for trimming my tree, Jack. I will pay you somehow."

Talk about all the ways Jack is helping Sam.

Up a Tree -- Tiger

After two weeks at home, Sam feels much stronger. One evening, Jack returns home from work. Sam and Mrs. Alba, his caregiver, are standing outside. They look worried.

"It's Tiger," says Sam, pointing to the top of the oak tree. "A big dog came into the yard. Tiger got scared. He ran up the tree. He is very high."

Jack asks, "Did you call the fire department?"

"Yes," says Mrs. Alba, "But they're too busy. They can't rescue a cat tonight. They told us to call a tree service."

Sam looks at Jack. "Can you climb the tree and get Tiger?"

"Well," says Jack. "I don't have the right equipment to be safe. I need a cherry picker. But they are expensive and I don't have one."

Now tiger begins to meow loudly. Sam looks very sad.

Jack gives in. "OK, Sam, I'll climb the tree and bring Tiger down. Don't worry."

Jack gets out his equipment. He sighs because he doesn't want to climb another tree today. This job is very risky. But, once again, he wants to be a good neighbor. He feels he must save Tiger.

It takes Jack a long time to reach Tiger. But finally, he grabs him and climbs down. He hands Tiger to Sam. Sam is very happy. "You're a good son--I mean neighbor, Jack. I will never forget this."

Do you think Sam takes advantage of Jack?

Have you ever had a neighbor or friend who frequently asked you to help them? How would you feel about that?