

FUMC ESL 12-3-2020 High Beginning and Low Intermediate Online Lesson

Introduce yourself. Tell where you are from and where you live now. Answer: If I want to go to a place just to relax, I would go to _____.

We've talked about **present perfect tense** (I have lived in Austin for five years.) We've talked about **past perfect tense** (I had lived in Austin for a year before I moved to Atlanta.) Today we'll talk about **present perfect continuous tense** (I have been living here for three months.)

Present Perfect Continuous Tense (have/has + been + ing verb)

1. I **have been trying** to call you all day.
2. She **has been studying** since this morning.
3. We **have been thinking** about you, Mom.
4. The baby **has been sleeping** well lately.
5. They **have been walking** every day.

Many non-action verbs are **not** used in present perfect continuous tense. Here are some examples of WRONG usage

seem: She has been seeming sad lately. Correct: She has seemed sad lately.

belong: She has been belonging to our club for years. Correct: She has belonged to our club.

need: We have been needing one of those. Correct: We have needed one of those.

know: We have been knowing them for years. Correct: We have known them for years.

Read these conversations with present perfect continuous. Explain the conversation in your own words.

Jan: Where have you been? We **have been trying** to call you all day.

Karen: Sorry, my phone was dead. I forgot to charge it last night.

Brenda: Your eyes are red and puffy. **Have you been crying?**

Kay: Yes, my dog died yesterday.

Patient: Nurse, I've **been waiting** to see the doctor for over two hours. How much longer must I wait?

Nurse: I'm so sorry. We had a lot of emergency patients this morning. The doctor is running behind.

Sara: It **has been snowing** all day. I have to walk to the bus stop. I didn't bring my boots to work. My feet will get wet.

Gloria: Mine too. I **have been thinking** about calling a taxi to take me home.

Kate: Dad has been on the phone for an hour. Who is he talking to?

Mel: He **has been talking** to his cousin who **has been traveling** in Brazil.

Cal: Hello, Jess. What **have you been doing** lately?

Jess: I **have been teaching** in the community college.

Cal: What **have you been teaching**?

Jess: I've **been teaching** math.

Mother: Lisa **has not been practicing** her English.

Father: She **has been spending** too much time with her boyfriend.

Judy: You are a really good guitar player. How long **have you been playing** guitar?

Lil: I **have been playing** since I was ten.

Up a Tree --Trimming By Himself

Jack gets out of his van and walks across the street. He looks very serious. "Sam," he says, "please don't trim this tree by yourself. You can get hurt." Jack tells Sam that trimming a tree is very hard. "There are many accidents in this job," says Jack. "Sometimes people die. Please, please don't do it."

"Okay," says Sam. "Then you trim it...for free."

"I can't do that, Sam," says Jack. "This is my occupation. I need to pay my employees too." Sam turns away from Jack. Then, very slowly, Sam begins to climb up the ladder. Tiger is still on his shoulder. Jack shakes his head. He gets into his van again. This time, he doesn't look at Sam. "This isn't my problem," he thinks. Then Jack starts the van and drives to work.

Later, Jack, Ben and Leo trim several palm trees. Now, they are high above the ground. Trimming these trees is risky. Jack needs to pay attention. But he is also very worried about Sam. "Sam is so stubborn!" thinks Jack. "He probably has some money. Yet, he refuses to spend it. I don't understand him at all.

Questions

1-Summarize what happened between Jack and Sam.

2-Someone who is stubborn won't change their opinion. They believe they are right. Why do you think Sam is so stubborn?

Up a Tree -- A Call From the Hospital

In the early afternoon, Jack and his workers, Ben and Leo are picking up palm fronds. Then Jack's cell phone rings. It's a hospital worker. "Oh, no!" thinks Jack. "Sam is hurt -- or dead!" Luckily, Sam is not dead. But he is hurt. He has a broken leg.

"He gave us your name," says the hospital worker. "You are his emergency contact. He doesn't have any family." Jack shakes his head. He feels very bad for Sam. A broken leg is a serious injury.

"I'm on my way," says Jack. Then he tells Ben and Leo about the emergency. "I'll have to go now," he explains. "It's my neighbor. He had an accident." Jack jumps into his van and drives straight to the hospital.

At the hospital, Jack talks to a nurse. "Sam is in Room 309," he says. "The doctor is with him now." Jack finds the room. Inside, Sam is in bed. His leg is in a cast. Sam doesn't look happy at all. He folds his arms and looks out the window.

"Hello," says the doctor, speaking to Jack. "The broken bone in his leg isn't too bad. Your father is very lucky. It could have been much worse."

"Um, he's my neighbor," says Jack. "I'm sorry this happened."

Note: This is a palm frond. It is the leaf of the palm tree.



Questions:

1. Why does the hospital call Jack?
2. Who does the doctor think Jack is?
3. What does Sam have on his leg?
4. Do you have an emergency contact?

Which of these things have you done? Talk about your experience.

- a. been swimming in the ocean
- b. ridden a horse
- c. been snow skiing
- d. played on a school sports team
- e. been up in a hot air balloon
- f. climbed a fourteener (mountain higher than 14000 ft)
- g. watched an American football game in person
- h. been to an American's house for Thanksgiving
- i. met a movie star
- j. performed in a play or concert
- k. created and sold a work of art
- l. walked on a glacier
- m. visited a national park in the U.S.
- n. caught a fish
- o. been in a lightning storm
- p. witnessed a tornado
- q. jumped off a diving board at the pool
- r. been swimming at Barton Springs
- s. eaten bbq at an Austin restaurant
- t. rented a canoe at Ladybird Lake
- u. ridden an electric bike
- v. been to an art museum
- w. been to a zoo