

FUMC ESL12-7-2020 High Beginning and Low Intermediate Online Lesson

Introduce yourself. Tell where you are from and where you live now. Answer: On a cold rainy day, would you rather read a book by the fire or bake something delicious?

We **have been studying** verb tenses the last few lessons. We **have studied** many tenses.

Today we **are testing** ourselves.

Note: "have been studying" is present perfect continuous tense. "Have studied" is present perfect tense. "Are testing" is present continuous tense.

Choose the correct verb tense.

1. I (am studying / have been studying) here since last September.
2. I (am / have been) away from my home for five years.
3. Since I came here, I (have learned / am learning) a lot about American culture.
4. Before I (have come / came) here, I didn't know much about American culture.
5. I (arrive / arrived) here only a month ago. I (am living / have been living) here since November 1st.
6. My understanding of Americans (has changed / changes) a lot since I arrive.
7. My father (has been / was) born in Rome in 1950. I (am / was) born in Rome in 1980.
8. I (been here / have been here) for almost two years.
9. I can't go to the party. My teacher (is giving / has given) me too much homework.
10. Vic (has been studied / has been studying) all night.
11. My father (is living / has lived) in the same village all his life.
12. I (been / have been) here for three years.
13. Oscar's birthday is tomorrow. He (is being / will be) fifty years old.
14. Our teacher (have not be here / has not been here) for several days.
15. I (have known / know) our neighbors for twenty years.
16. When Bill (had gotten / got) up the sun was shining.
17. They (had married / have been married) for a long time.
18. They (had married / have been married) when they were 18 years old.
19. Jack (had eaten / has eaten) before he came.
20. I (saw / have seen) that movie when I was on vacation.
21. Let's take a break. We (been studying / have been studying) for hours.
22. When Ben arrived, Mother (has gone / had gone) to the grocery store.
23. I (am trying / have been trying) to learn English since I was in high school.
24. The baby (cried / has been crying) a lot lately.
25. Why hasn't Tina washed the dishes? She has a concert tomorrow. She (practices / has been practicing) her violin piece.

VOCABULARY: Summarize these conversations. Tell what the phrases in bold mean.

Jan: Beth, I haven't seen you **for ages**. What are you **up to**?

Beth: I have been staying home with my children. I wish I could go back to work. But we don't have anyone to care for our children.

Jan: It is good to care for your children. **Before you know it**, they will be old enough for school. Then you can go back to work.

Where has Beth been? What does she wish for? What does Jan think Beth should do?
Finish this statement: Before you know it, _____.

Sandy: I'm so glad you decided to go to college. That's **a step in the right direction**. You will get a better job if you have a college degree. **Let me know** if you need any help.

Lee: **Now that you mention it**, I need a recommendation. Would you **be willing** to write one for me?

Sandy: I will be glad to give you a good recommendation. I **have a feeling** you will do well. **Make sure** you attend every class. Good attendance is important.

What is Sandy glad about? What does Lee need? What does Sandy think is important? I am always willing to _____.

Nell: Our vacation was awful. We had planned to hike every day, but it rained for two weeks **straight**. It **never let up**. Sometimes it was **light rain** and sometimes it **poured**. The ground was **soaked**. Hiking was **out of the question**. The baseball game we wanted to see was **rained out**. They had over twelve inches of **rainfall** in one week. We finally **gave up** and flew home.

Sara: That's too bad. The weather here was great, sunny and warm.

Was Nell's vacation a success? What did they finally do? Recently, I gave up _____.

Tammy: I sat in the doctor's office **thumbing through** a magazine. I saw an interesting article about viruses. I **pored** over the article. I was trying to understand how Covid infects people.

Len: Did you **figure it out**?

Tammy: **Not completely**. It is a **complex issue**.

What was Tammy doing in the doctor's office? What was the interesting article about? Did Tammy figure out how Covid infects people? Something I don't understand is _____.
I like to read magazine articles about _____.

Kara: It rained so much, that the water **poured over** the walls around our building. We were afraid it would come into our apartment. We **pored over** our insurance policy to see if we had **coverage for water damage**.

Fannie: Did your apartment get **damaged**?

Kara: No, **thank goodness**. The rain stopped and the water **drained off**.

Explain the difference between pour over and pore over. What did the water pour over? What did Kara pore over? Was the apartment damaged? Have you ever had water damage in your apartment?

Chen: My visit to the U.S. was fun. But I'm ready to go back to Taiwan **where I belong**.

Linda: You didn't like it here?

Chen: I liked it O.K. I just didn't **fit in** here. In Taipei, I know the city well. I never get lost. I understand the language. I have many friends. I feel very comfortable there. I never felt comfortable in the U.S. The language is confusing. I didn't know **my way around** the city. The food is very different. And I don't have any friends in the U.S.

What is Chen ready to do? Why didn't Chen fit in here? The city where I fit in best is _____.

What makes you feel you belong in a place?

Now we continue with our story. Remember Jack would not trim Sam's trees for free. So, Sam climbed into a tree to trim the branches himself. He fell and broke his leg. He went to the hospital. The hospital called Jack to tell him about Sam. Jack went to the hospital.

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."

1. What does Sam's doctor tell him?
2. What does Jack bring to Sam?
3. Who is keeping Sam's cat?
4. What does Sam talk about?
5. Can Sam take care of himself when he goes home?
6. Who does Sam ask to help him?
7. What does Jack tell Sam?

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."

1. Who will be Sam's caregiver during the day?
2. What will Mrs. Alba do for Sam?

3. Who will stay with Sam at night?
4. What does Sam say about his neighbors?

A Thanksgiving Poem to enjoy:

Thanksgiving, for dinner, there's turkey and ham,
potatoes and cranberries, stuffing and yams,
some carrots, some salads, some green beans, some bread,
and four kinds of pie in our Thanksgiving spread.

My grandma and grandpa have all of the yams.
My aunt and my uncle have turkey and ham.
My cousin, at college, has carrots and beans,
while one of her brothers has gravy and greens.

The bread and potatoes and berries look great,
but they're with an uncle in some other state.
And, meanwhile, my mother and father and I
have nothing but stuffing and all of the pie.

We'd like some potatoes, some turkey, some bread,
some cranberry sauce, and some carrots instead.
But we have each other so, this year, it's fine
to meet for our Thanksgiving dinner online.

Why do some people only have bread and potatoes and others have only stuffing and pie?