

5-10-2021 FUMC ESL High Beginning and Low Intermediate Lesson

Introduce yourself. Tell where you are from and where you live now. What is your occupation? Do you like your job?

Pronunciation: In English, certain syllables are accented or stressed. For example, we say, "occ u PA tion." We stress the third syllable. In the word, "OC u py" we stress the first syllable. Read the words in the table below putting the stress on the correct syllable. For example, a COUNT ant, me CHAN ic, e lec TRI tian.

Occupations: Your occupation is your job. Look at the pictures and read the name of the occupations. Which occupation would you prefer to do?

			
accountant	auto mechanic	babysitter	carpenter
			
electrician	painter	cashier	exterminator
			
plumber	hair stylist	gardener	housekeeper

Read these problems and tell which job in the table above can help.

1. Tim has a leaky faucet. Even when the faucet is off, water drips into the sink.
2. The walls in Lee's house are dark green. Lee doesn't like dark green. She wants white walls.
3. Suzy needs a haircut. Her hair is too long.
4. Phillip and Nora need someone to prepare their income taxes.
5. Tammy needs help with the yard. She would like some new flowers planted in her flower beds.
6. Jan has many bugs in her house. She wants to get rid of the bugs.
7. Bill plugs in his clock. But there is no electricity coming from the electrical outlet.
8. Stella wants someone to build some bookshelves in her office.
9. Sara's car is making a loud noise. It won't go very fast. She wants her car fixed.
10. Sandra has filled her grocery cart. Now she needs to check out and pay for her groceries.
11. Alice works hard all day. When she gets home, she is too tired to clean the house. She needs someone to dust and vacuum. She needs someone to clean the bathrooms and the kitchen.
12. Jessica is going back to work soon. She needs someone to watch her children while she is at work.

Vocabulary:

chipped: when a piece breaks off from the whole thing. EX: My daughter fell at the playground and chipped her tooth. The child kicked the ball into the wall. The paint chipped off. I like this table, but the paint is chipped.

clogged: blocked EX: The sink is clogged. The water won't drain out.

handyman: a person who makes small repairs to your apartment or house

Read this story: That's Life Lesson 10 Apartment Problems

Hakim is looking for a new apartment. He sees a sign that says, "For Rent". The apartment building is in a nice neighborhood. Hakim walks inside and finds the manager. "Can I see the apartment for rent?" asks Hakim.

"Of course," says the manager. "The apartment is in excellent condition." Hakim walks into the apartment. The walls have many places where the paint has chipped off. They need to be painted. "No problem," says the manager. You just need a painter to paint the walls.

1. What is Hakim looking for?
2. What is wrong with the walls in the apartment.
3. What does the manager say Hakim needs?

In the kitchen, the sink is clogged and the faucet is dripping. "No problem," says the manager. "You just need a plumber. I know someone. He isn't very expensive." Hakim says, "The electricity in the bedroom doesn't work."

"No problem," says the manager. You just need an electrician. He can fix that easily."

Hakim notices a cockroach crawling across the floor. "No problem," says the manager. "You just need an exterminator." Hakim points to a cracked window. "No problem," says the manager. "You just need a handyman. He can repair that for you."

1. What problems does Hakim find in the apartment?
2. What does the manager say?

The manager has a rental agreement in his hand. He wants to rent this apartment to Hakim. "If you sign the rental agreement today, you can move in tomorrow."

"Sorry," says Hakim. I don't want to pay for a painter, a plumber, an electrician, an exterminator, and a handyman. Those are your problems, not my problems. You will have to look for another tenant."

1. What does the manager have in his hand?
2. When can Hakim move in?
3. Why won't Hakim sign the rental agreement?
4. Would you move into an apartment with these problems?
5. Have you hired a painter, a plumber, an electrician, an exterminator or a handyman?



Mary bought a house. It needs many repairs.

(1) The hot water is not working. Only cold water comes out of the pipes. Mary doesn't want to take a cold shower. She needs a plumber.

(2) The electricity is not working. (9) An electrician will work on the wiring in her house. The electrician is checking the (13) fuse box. He can turn off or on the power to each area of the house.

(4) The tile in the shower is cracked. Mary will have (10) a handyman put new tile in the shower, and repair the (5) broken windows.

Mary wants a new (6) lock on her front door. She has called (11) a locksmith to put on the new lock.

Mary wants new (7) front steps. She hires (12) a carpenter.

Mary discovers (3) the roof is leaking. She calls (8) a roofer to repair the leak in the roof.

Mary's gas bill is very high. Mary calls the gas company to come out. She asks them to check (14) the gas meter. The gas meter measures how much gas Mary uses. A repairman will fix the gas meter.

Grammar:

Infinitives are to+verb. EX: to plan, to try, to learn,

I want to plan a vacation. You have to try. We need to learn English.

Notice the infinitive is NOT the verb in the sentence. The verbs in the sentences above are "want, have and need".

Gerunds are ing verbs that are serving as nouns in the sentence. EX: dancing, getting, raining
I enjoy dancing. Getting up early is hard. It started raining an hour ago.

In many sentences, you can use an infinitive or a gerund.

EX: Do you like getting up early? OR Do you like to get up early?

I prefer traveling by plane. OR I prefer to travel by plane.

Anna loves dancing. OR Anna loves to dance.

I hate being late. OR I hate to be late.

It started raining. OR It started to rain.

Sometimes, **only** an infinitive or gerund will work.

EX: I suggested going for a walk. NOT I suggested to go for a walk.

I want to go to bed. NOT I want going to bed.

I enjoy traveling. NOT I enjoy to travel.

Tell if these sentences are correct. If they aren't, correct them.

Example:

I don't want going out tonight. Not correct.

I want to go out tonight. Correct.

1. I would like coming to the party with you.
2. He enjoys to have a bath every evening.
3. I am learning to speak English.
4. Do you mind to help me?
5. I decided studying physics.
6. I promise helping you tomorrow.
7. We hope visiting Mexico City soon.
8. I don't want leaving yet.
9. He demanded to speak to the manager.
10. She wanted asking you something.
11. I miss going to the beach.
12. She chose working here.

13. When he told the joke, I couldn't help to laugh.
14. I thought about to move to Spain.
15. We can't afford buying a new car right now.
16. I finished to paint the barn.
17. He offered to carry her books for her.
18. I asked her calling me when she got home.
19. Granny invited me staying a week with her.
20. The bad weather forced us changing our plans.