

**Introduce yourself. Tell where you are from and where you live now.**



We have been talking about **chores**. This is a story about Frog and Toad. Toad has many chores to do.



(Frogs have long legs and move around by hopping. Toad have much shorter legs and get around by crawling.)

**Narrator:** Toad woke up.

**Toad:** Drat! This house is a mess. I have so much work to do.

**Narrator:** Toad looked out the window with a sad face. Frog looked through the window at Toad.

**Frog:** Toad, you are right. Your house is a mess.

**Narrator:** Toad pulled the covers over his head.

**Toad:** I will do the work tomorrow. Today I will take life easy!

**Narrator:** Frog came into the house.

**Frog:** Toad! Your pants and jacket are lying on the floor.

**Toad:** Tomorrow.

**Frog:** Your kitchen sink is filled with dirty dishes!

**Toad:** Tomorrow.

**Frog:** There is dust on your chairs!

**Toad:** Tomorrow.

**Frog:** Your windows need scrubbing and your plants need watering!

**Toad:** Tomorrow. I will do it all tomorrow.

**Narrator:** Toad sat on the edge of his bed.

**Toad:** Blah! I feel down in the dumps.

**Frog:** Why?

**Toad:** I am thinking about tomorrow. I am thinking about all of the many things that I will have to do tomorrow.

**Frog:** Yes. Tomorrow will be a very hard day for you.

**Toad:** But Frog, if I pick up my pants and jacket right now, then I will not have to pick them up tomorrow, will I?

**Frog:** No. You will not have to.

**Narrator:** Toad picked up his clothes. He put them in the closet.

**Toad:** Frog, if I wash my dishes right now then I will not have to wash them tomorrow, will I?

**Frog:** No, you will not have to.

**Narrator:** Toad washed and dried his dishes. He put them in the cabinet.

**Toad:** Frog, if I dust my chairs and scrub my windows and water my plants right now, then I will not have to do it tomorrow, will I?

**Frog:** No, you will not have to do any of it.

**Narrator:** Toad dusted his chairs. He scrubbed his windows. He watered his plants.

**Toad:** There, now I feel better. I am not in the dumps anymore.

**Frog:** Why?

**Toad:** Because I have done all that work. Now I can save tomorrow for something that I really want to do.

**Frog:** What is that?

**Toad:** Tomorrow, I can just take life easy.

**Narrator:** Toad went back to bed. He pulled the covers over his head and fell asleep.

1-Do you feel "down in the dumps" when you have a lot of things to do?

2-Toad **dreads** tomorrow because he has so much to do. If you "look forward" to tomorrow, you don't dread it. For example, I look forward to tomorrow because we will have dinner with my brother. I haven't seen my brother for several weeks. I am excited to see him. Talk about things you have to do tomorrow. Do you dread tomorrow or do you look forward to tomorrow?

3-There is a saying: "Don't put off until tomorrow what you can do today." What things do you put off doing?

4-Toad was going to do all his chores tomorrow. But then he **changed his mind**. Why did he change his mind?

5-Many people believe children should be taught to do chores. Do you? What chores are suitable for young children?

### **Vocabulary:**

1-Something that is "likely" is something that will probably happen. EX: It is likely that it will rain today. If it is "unlikely" it probably won't happen. EX: It is unlikely that it will snow today. Tell something that is likely to happen tomorrow.

**Doctor:** Your father has had a heart attack. His heart is damaged. I'm not sure he will recover.

**Daughter:** My son is coming to town tomorrow. We are going to have a big party. Do you think it is likely my father will be able to leave the hospital tomorrow. He is **looking forward** to seeing his grandson.

**Doctor:** It is unlikely that your father will be able to leave the hospital tomorrow. Your father's heart is too weak. He can't walk. He is not even strong enough to get out of bed. Maybe you can have your son come here to see his grandfather.

a. What is wrong with her father?

b. What does the daughter ask the doctor?

- c. Does the doctor think her father can probably go to the party?
- d. What suggestion does the doctor make?

2-Last week, we learned the word **tempted**. In the story, Negasi was tempted to keep the money. Read this example of someone being tempted and tell what is happening.

**Belle:** Sara **came over** last night. She talked and talked. I was **tempted** to look at my watch while she was talking. But I didn't because I didn't want her to think I was **bored**, even though I was.

**Tanya:** It is hard to listen to Sara. She talks for a long time without stopping. I can never **get a word in**.

**Belle:** I had so many chores to do last night. When Sara **dropped in**, I knew I wouldn't get my chores done. By the time she left, it was bedtime. So I will have a busy night tonight.

**Tanya:** She should have called first to see if it was **convenient** to drop by.

**Belle:** She probably didn't call because she knows I wouldn't have let her come. I would have told her how busy I was.

- a. What was Belle tempted to do? Why didn't she do it?
- b. Why does Tanya say it is hard to listen to Sara?
- c. What did Belle have a lot of?
- d. Did Belle get her chores done last night?
- e. What does Tanya think Belle should have done?
- f. Do you know anyone like Sara?
- g. Is it rude to drop in on someone?

**Grammar:** Choose the correct verb tense.

1-Where do you \_\_\_\_\_ now?  
working                      works                      work

2-Do you know what he is \_\_\_\_\_?  
studied                      studying                      study

3-On vacation, we are \_\_\_\_\_ to the beach.  
gone                      going                      go

4-Nobody \_\_\_\_\_ Charlie.  
is liking                      is liked                      like                      likes

5-Tom \_\_\_\_\_ in the U.S. since last year.  
is working                      has been working                      works

6-The sun \_\_\_\_\_ at 8 PM.  
sits                      sets                      has setting.                      been setting

7-I \_\_\_\_\_ all day. I'm really tired  
am traveling                      have been traveling                      travel                      should travel

8-They \_\_\_\_\_ usually drink alcohol.  
haven't          mustn't          don't

9-This fish smells rotten. It has \_\_\_\_\_!  
spoil    spoiling          spoiled

10-Kim \_\_\_\_\_ to Korea many times.  
has been          goes          is gone

11-My children \_\_\_\_\_ me.  
worries          is worried          has worried          worry

12-Have you \_\_\_\_\_ dinner?  
eat    eaten          ate    eating

13-We \_\_\_\_\_ the car in the garage.  
been parking          have been parked          have been parking

14-Neither of them volunteered to \_\_\_\_\_.  
went          go          gone          goes

15-Ben doesn't have a job. He's \_\_\_\_\_.  
uninterested          unbusy          unemployed

16-Many accidents are caused by people \_\_\_\_\_ too fast.  
drives          drove          driving          drive

17-Many accidents are caused by people who \_\_\_\_\_ too fast.  
driving          drives          drive          has been driving

18-William \_\_\_\_\_ them what was wrong with their car.  
explained          explained to          are explaining

19-She must \_\_\_\_\_ her English.  
improves          improving          improve

20-The teacher \_\_\_\_\_ he is the one who stole the books.  
believe          believes          is believing          has believed