

## FUMC ESL 2-2-2023 High Beginning and Low Intermediate Lesson

Introduce yourself. Tell where you are from and where you live now. Do you have any pets? Talk about them.

### **Read the story and answer the questions**

It was in the middle of winter when Gus, a county wildlife manager, saw two beagles walking along the side of the highway. It was icy and snowing. It wasn't a place for two dogs to be late at night.

Gus stopped and checked out the beagles. They had tags on their collars with a phone number. But he couldn't get a signal on his cell phone, so he put them into his car and drove a few miles where he could get a signal. The two dogs curled up together on the seat of his car.

1. What was the weather like?
2. Where were the dogs walking.
3. What was on their collars/
4. Why did Gus put the dogs in his car and drive off?

When Gus got closer to town, he called the number on the tag, but the man who answered said, "Those aren't my dogs anymore. I gave them away." Gus asked who he gave them to. The man said, "I don't remember," and hung up. Gus drove to the two animal shelters in his town, but it was late and both were closed. He called his wife who insisted he bring the two dogs to their home.

1. What happened when Gus called the number on the dog tags?
2. Why did Gus take the dogs home?

Once he arrived home, he noticed that the female dog was pregnant. She looked like she would deliver puppies any minute. And the male dog was staying right beside her to make sure she was warm and comfortable. The two dogs were inseparable.

1. What did Gus realize about the dogs?
2. What does inseparable mean?

Gus called the animal shelter the next morning. They would take the dogs. And they promised the dogs would be adopted together. Gus wanted to keep the dogs, but they had three dogs at home already. His wife drew the line at three. She told Gus, "No more dogs."

1. Who did Gus call the next morning.
2. Would the shelter promise to adopt the dogs together?
3. Why couldn't Gus keep the dogs?

Gus had no choice. He took the dogs to the shelter. Once at the shelter, they put the two dogs in a cage together. Later that day, five adorable little puppies were born. Many people came to

look at the beagles, but no one wanted to take on a couple of adult dogs and the five puppies. The shelter was getting anxious about the dogs. Dogs that can't get adopted are sometimes killed. The shelter simply doesn't have room for all the stray dogs that are brought in.

1. How many puppies did they have?
2. Why didn't anyone adopt the dogs?
3. What would happen to the dogs if no one adopted them?

Gus called the shelter several times a week to see if the dogs had been adopted. Finally after a few weeks, the shelter told Gus the dogs would have to be killed. They simply couldn't keep dogs forever. It was a temporary shelter, not a permanent home. Gus couldn't take it. He went and picked up the dogs. The next few days, Gus called everyone he knew trying to find a home for the dogs. He put signs up on the telephone poles in his area. But it seemed no one wanted seven dogs.

1. Why did Gus pick up the dogs?
2. What did Gus do the next few days?

Then, as Gus was about to give up and return the dogs to the shelter, an old man appeared at his door. He asked if Gus still had the dogs. He had seen a notice on a telephone pole about two beagles and their puppies. He asked if he could see the dogs. When he went into the house, the two adult dogs ran to him and began rubbing their heads on his legs. They seemed to know the old man and were excited to see him. The man petted the two dogs, then looked up at Gus. He had tears in his eyes.

1. Who appeared at Gus' door?
2. Were the beagles happy to see the man?

He said, "These are my dogs. I found them abandoned in a parking lot about a year ago. My wife had died the month before and I was really lonely. I took them home and they brought happiness back into my life. Then a few months ago, the dogs disappeared. I searched for them, but never found them." Gus could see the old man was thrilled to have his dogs back, even with the five new puppies. The old man thanked Gus and loaded the dogs into the car.

1. Where did the man find the dogs?
2. Why did he decide to take the dogs home?
3. What did the man do when the dogs disappeared?
4. Have you ever rescued dogs?

#### MODAL VERB: WOULD

Modal verbs are also called "helping" or "auxiliary" verbs. They are used with another verb to add to the meaning. Today we will look at the modal verb, "would"

We use the phrase, "**Would you mind?**" to make a polite request. EX: Would you mind opening the door for me? Would you mind if I used your restroom?

Tell which of these sentences are correct.

It's cold in here. Would you mind to close the window?  
It's cold in here. Would you mind if I close the window?  
It's cold in here. Would you mind closing the window?  
It's cold in here. Would you mind you close the window?

When you go to the library, would you mind picking up my book?  
When you go to the library, would you mind to pick up my book?  
When you go to the library, would you mind if you pick up my book?

I am feeling dizzy. Would you mind if I sat down for a minute?  
I am feeling dizzy. Would you mind sitting you down a minute?  
I am feeling dizzy. Would you mind to sit down a minute?

I will be late getting home. Would you mind heating up the soup?  
I will be late getting home. Would you mind to heat up the soup?  
I will be late getting home. Would you mind you heating up the soup?

**Do you mind?** This phrase works the same as "Would you mind?"

Do you mind returning my book to the library?  
Do you mind if I use your restroom?  
Do you mind if I close the window?  
Do you mind if I sit down for a minute?  
Do you mind heating up the soup?

We sometimes use the modal verb WOULD to talk about things that happened repeatedly in the past. EX: When I was small, my mother **would read** to me. On Saturdays, my father **would walk** me to the park.

**Tell something your parents would do when you were little. When I was little, my parents would ...**

**Finish this sentence. When I was in school, I would...**

We use "would rather" to express a preference. EX: I would rather eat out tonight than cook. I would rather be lying on a beach than sitting in class. I would rather be living in a big city.

**Make a sentence with "would rather".**

We use would like to make a request for something. EX: I would like a cup of coffee, please. Would you like some dessert?

We use wouldn't plus a verb to give advice. EX: I wouldn't eat that if I were you. I wouldn't buy a home right now.