

## FUMC ESL 2-9-2023 High Intermediate and Advanced Lesson

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

### The Necklace, Part 4 The Final Chapter

*Review: After a successful ball where Matilda looked elegant and danced passionately, she arrived home without the diamond necklace. Her husband went out searching for it for hours, but couldn't find it. With no other alternative, he suggested that Matilda write to Madame Forester and explain that they had lost her diamond necklace. The story continues...*

Matilda could not possibly tell her friend she had lost her diamond necklace. She still had the black box the necklace had been in. It had a jeweler's name printed inside. She went to the jeweler and asked if he had another necklace like the one she borrowed. He did have one like it, but the cost was thirty thousand francs.

Matilda's husband borrowed money from his family and friends, but still did not have enough. Finally, he went to the bank and borrowed the remaining amount. Matilda purchased the diamond necklace and put it back in the black velvet box and returned it to her friend. Madame Forester casually took the box and put it back in her dresser without looking at the necklace. Matilda was relieved as she was afraid Madame Forester might be able to see this was not the original necklace.

From then on, Matilda's life took a turn for the worse. She and her husband now had dreadful debts that must be paid. Matilda let her maid go. They moved out of their comfortable home into one much smaller and shabbier. Matilda spent her days washing, mopping, carrying out the garbage. She sold her nice dress and everything else she could possibly get money for. Her husband took on a second job and worked late into the evening. Matilda and her husband aged rapidly because of all the hard work. Matilda had become strong and tough like all women from poor households. Her hands were reddened and rough. Her hair turned to grey and her face was wrinkled. But at last, after ten long years, they had paid off everything.

Occasionally Matilda stopped in front of the mirror and thought about how life might have been different if she hadn't lost the necklace. Perhaps the elegant gentlemen who showered her with compliments would have asked her husband and her to other balls. And perhaps her husband might have been offered a better job and they could move up in society. But these thoughts didn't last long, because there was always more work to be done. Matilda had accepted her fate at last.

One Sunday, as Matilda was walking in the park, she saw Madame Forester. Matilda hadn't seen anyone for years. She spent every day working. She was embarrassed to go out and have someone recognize her. It surprised Matilda that Madame Forester still looked young and beautiful. Matilda went up to her and said, "Good morning." Madame Forester didn't recognize Matilda at first. Who was this rough looking woman with shabby clothes. Then at last, she realized it was Matilda. "Oh, Matilda. What has happened to you. You've changed so much," said Madame Forester.

"Yes, I have had some hard times since I saw you last. We have had many miseries, all because of you."

"How can that be?" replied Madame Forester

"Do you remember the diamond necklace you loaned me?"

"Yes, of course."

"Well, I lost it."

"What do you mean? You returned the necklace to me."

"I brought you back another necklace that I had purchased to replace yours. It cost thirty thousand francs. We had to borrow money to buy it." We've spent the last ten years working hard to repay the debt."

Madame Forester looked at Matilda, deeply moved. She took Matilda's hands in hers. "Oh my poor Matilda. The necklace I loaned you was an imitation. It was worth five hundred francs at the most. You should have told me. I would have told you to forget about it. The imitation necklace meant nothing to me."

1. How long did it take Matilda and her husband to pay her debts?
2. Why didn't Madame Forester recognize Matilda?
3. Does Madame Forester feel bad about Matilda?
4. How does Matilda feel after finding out the necklace was fake?
5. What do you think Matilda will do now?
6. Do you think Matilda will tell her husband the necklace was fake?
7. Do you think Matilda learned any lessons?

**GRAMMAR:** Is "have got" correct English? Yes for certain situations. "Have got" is used in informal English speech. It means exactly the same as "have" in the situations below. We don't ever use "do" with got. EX: I do not got any friends. This is WRONG. Use "I do not have any friends. OR I haven't got any friends.

1. We use "have got" to talk about things we own.

EX: We have a house in southern France. OR We have got a house in southern France.  
He has a new car. OR He's got a new car. (He's is the short form for "he has".)  
Do you have a minute to talk? OR Have you got a minute to talk?  
I don't have time right now. OR I haven't got time right now.  
I have an idea. OR I've got an idea.

2. We use "have got" to talk about family and relationships.

EX: I have a new boyfriend. OR I've got a new boyfriend.  
Mike doesn't have any brothers. OR Mike hasn't got any brothers.  
Do you have any children? OR Have you got any children?

3. We use "have got" to talk about physical characteristics.

EX: Carol has brown eyes. OR Carol's got brown eyes.  
Does your sister have long hair. OR Has your sister got brown hair.

4. We use "have got" to talk about illness.

EX: I have a bad cold. OR I've got a bad cold.  
Do you have the flu? OR Have you got the flu?

5. We use "have got" to talk about plans.

EX: I have to catch the bus now. OR I've got to catch the bus now.  
I have to study for my test. OR I've got to study for my test.

We don't use "have got" in the past tense. EX: I had got new shoes, but I returned them. You can say "I got new shoes, but I returned them." Leave out the "had". NOT I had got the flu last week. Instead use, "I had the flu last week." OR "I got the flu last week."

Wrong: I usually have got dinner around 8 PM.

Wrong: I had got a bad cold when I went to Washington.

Wrong: I have got a cold every time I have gone there. Correct: I have gotten a cold...

Wrong: I don't got any money. Correct: I don't have any money.

Wrong: Do you got any change? Correct: Do you have any change? OR Have you got any change?

Are these uses OK?

Got a minute? Notice the have is left out. This is OK in casual, spoken English.

I gotta feeling. This is casual, spoken English for, "I have got a feeling."

**Write the "got" version of the sentences below. The first one is done for you.**

I don't have time now. I haven't got time now.

Do you have a car? \_\_\_\_\_

You have a nice apartment. \_\_\_\_\_

We have a busy day today. \_\_\_\_\_

Do you have any candy for the kids? \_\_\_\_\_

I'm sorry, but I have to go now. \_\_\_\_\_

Mother has no say in who I date. \_\_\_\_\_

**Use "have got" or "has got" to talk about :**

things you have to do today \_\_\_\_\_

things you have in your apartment \_\_\_\_\_

family or relations \_\_\_\_\_

**Students, read these conversations and explain their meaning to the group.**

A: Susan, have you got any sugar? I'm making a cake and I didn't realize I was out of sugar.

B: I think I've got some in my pantry. Hold on a second and I'll look.

A: Tomorrow is the last day to renew my driver's license. I've got to go downtown.

B: I got mine renewed last month. I had to stand in line forever.

A: I've got a test in the morning. Hopefully I will have time to get it done in the afternoon.

A: Why are you so quiet today, Jan? Has the cat got your tongue?

B: No, the cat hasn't got my tongue. I just don't feel like talking to you right now. I've got better things to do.

A: Are you still mad at me because I got those tickets without asking you?

B: If you had waited to ask me, then gotten the tickets, I wouldn't be mad. But you spent \$250 on tickets to a football game without even asking me if I wanted to go.

A: Dan's family has got a lot of money. His mom always worries some girl will find out he's rich and try to get her hooks into him.

B: What does Dan think?

A: He says he's got to be careful. He doesn't want someone who dates him because he's rich.

B: (laughing) I have never had that worry. Any girl who dates me, does it for my personality and good looks because I'm dead broke.

A: My friend got caught shoplifting. They caught him expensive jewelry in his pockets.

B: He'll need a good lawyer to get him off the hook for that. Why in the world would he shoplift?

A: He's got a lot of problems. His wife is disabled and can't work. He's got to pay for childcare for his kids and a caregiver for his wife while he's at work.