

## FUMC ESL 10-19-2023 High Beginning and Low Intermediate Lesson

Write the past tense of the verbs below:

| Present Tense | Past Tense | Present Tense | Past Tense |
|---------------|------------|---------------|------------|
| have          |            | become        |            |
| fall          |            | go            |            |
| get           |            | be            |            |
| start         |            | learn         |            |
| join          |            | rent          |            |
| travel        |            | graduate      |            |

Use the **past tense** of the verbs in parenthesis to write a story about yourself. Then read your story to the class. (TEACHERS-make corrections by putting incorrect sentences on the board or in the chat box.)

I (be) \_\_\_\_\_ born on \_\_\_\_\_. I (start) \_\_\_\_\_ school when I (be) \_\_\_\_\_ (how old) \_\_\_\_\_ years old. I (get) \_\_\_\_\_ a job working as a (occupation) \_\_\_\_\_. I (fall) \_\_\_\_\_ in love and (get) \_\_\_\_\_ married. I (come) \_\_\_\_\_ to the United States in (year) \_\_\_\_\_. I (join) \_\_\_\_\_ this class \_\_\_\_\_ months/years ago. I (rent) \_\_\_\_\_ an apartment near (place) \_\_\_\_\_.

**Conjunctions** connect two parts of a sentence.

| Conjunction | What it does                       | Example   |
|-------------|------------------------------------|---|
| and         | more ideas                         | We got in bed <b>and</b> went to sleep.                           |
| but         | different idea                     | They learned English, <b>but</b> not Spanish.                     |
| because     | answers why                        | We ran home <b>because</b> it rained.                             |
| or          | choice/ list                       | Do you want ice cream <b>or</b> cake?                             |
| so          | reason (like because)              | I have a test tomorrow, <b>so</b> I will go to bed early tonight. |
| if          | condition                          | I will only ride the bus <b>if</b> it is raining.                 |
| while       | at the same time as something else | I cooked dinner <b>while</b> my husband studied.                  |

**Choose a conjunction from the table for these sentences.**

1. I like ice cream, \_\_\_\_\_ I don't like frozen yogurt.
2. We asked the teacher, \_\_\_\_\_ we didn't know the answer.

3. We set our alarm clock \_\_\_\_\_ we could wake up early.
4. They rented an apartment \_\_\_\_\_ houses cost too much money.
5. \_\_\_\_\_ I give you my letters, will you mail them?
6. Should I get the red dress \_\_\_\_\_ the blue one?
7. We like rain, \_\_\_\_\_ not snow.
8. I ate the pizza \_\_\_\_\_ the salad.
9. I have not seen \_\_\_\_\_ heard any dogs in this neighborhood.
10. I ran to the store \_\_\_\_\_ my mother started dinner.
11. Will you open the door \_\_\_\_\_ I can bring in the groceries?
12. I wanted the dress, \_\_\_\_\_ it was too expensive.
13. I will pick her up \_\_\_\_\_ she decides not to walk home.
14. He carried the little girl on his shoulders \_\_\_\_\_ she could see the parade.
15. I went to college, \_\_\_\_\_ I didn't graduate.
16. I'll cook dinner \_\_\_\_\_ you can clean up the kitchen.
17. I answered the phone \_\_\_\_\_ I thought Mother didn't hear it ring.
18. Do you prefer swimming \_\_\_\_\_ canoeing?
19. I wanted to go to the movie, \_\_\_\_\_ my wife wanted to go dancing.
20. Don't wait until 5 to leave \_\_\_\_\_ traffic will be horrible at that time.
21. I drove all night \_\_\_\_\_ my husband could sleep.
22. I ironed my clothes \_\_\_\_\_ I watched TV.
23. I took a shower \_\_\_\_\_ changed my clothes.
24. I went to that pharmacy \_\_\_\_\_ it was the only one open on Sunday.
25. Will you babysit the children \_\_\_\_\_ we are at the movie?

**Fill in the blanks. Read your answers to the class.**

I love \_\_\_\_\_, **but** I hate \_\_\_\_\_.

I always \_\_\_\_\_ **so** I can learn more English.

My parents are \_\_\_\_\_ **and** \_\_\_\_\_.

I came to the U.S. **because** \_\_\_\_\_.

I usually \_\_\_\_\_ **if** it rains.

On weekends I usually \_\_\_\_\_ **or** \_\_\_\_\_.

I usually \_\_\_\_\_ **while** I wait for the bus.

**Nouns:** There are two types of nouns: **count nouns** and **non-count nouns**. Count nouns have a plural form. Non-count nouns do not.

Examples: You can have two bananas, but not two fruits. You can have two opinions, but not two informations. You can have two hamburgers, but not two meats. We can have two suitcases, but not two luggages. We can have three quarters, but not three moneys.

We do not use A or AN with non-count nouns. We do use A or AN with singular count nouns.

a shirt, but not a clothing or a shirts  
a necklace, but not a gold or a necklaces  
a book, but not a homework or a books

This can be confusing. For example: I bought a newspaper. Newspaper is made from paper. Newspaper is count. Paper is non-count. Paper is referring to the **material** that is used to make a newspaper.

I steamed a crab. NOT I steamed a seafood.  
I sat on a chair. NOT I sat on a furniture.  
I ate a steak. NOT I ate a meat.

Water and Coffee are non-count nouns. But you may hear people say, "I'll have a water and she will have a tea. OR. I'll have a coffee. Coffee and Tea are non-count so should not have an A or An in front.

BUT when people say they want a coffee, what they really mean is a **cup** of coffee. When they say I want a water, they really mean a **glass** of water. It is common to hear people leave out "cup" or "glass" and just say a water or a coffee.

You go to the store to buy coffee, not a coffee. You buy water, not a water.

Decide if these nouns are count or non-count. If they are count nouns, put **A or AN** in the blank before them. If they are non-count, leave the space empty. You cannot use singular count nouns alone. They need A or AN or another pronoun. Teachers: Don't let them put any other words (like some or any) in the blanks. That will be for a future lesson.

1. The nurse gave me \_\_\_\_\_ information about my illness.
2. We will have \_\_\_\_\_ pasta for dinner.
3. We are going on \_\_\_\_\_ trip to the mountains.
4. She eats \_\_\_\_\_ egg every morning.
5. Do you want \_\_\_\_\_ sugar in your tea?
6. I put peanut butter on \_\_\_\_\_ banana and ate it.
7. I put \_\_\_\_\_ jelly on my sandwich.
8. Mom, please make me \_\_\_\_\_ sandwich.
9. There is \_\_\_\_\_ spinach in this salad.
10. Should I cook \_\_\_\_\_ meat for dinner.
11. There is \_\_\_\_\_ river near my house.
12. We have \_\_\_\_\_ food in the refrigerator.
13. The man played \_\_\_\_\_ song on his guitar.
14. We heard the man play \_\_\_\_\_ music.
15. I have \_\_\_\_\_ shirt that is made from \_\_\_\_\_ wool.
16. Mom made \_\_\_\_\_ cake on my birthday.

17. Please put \_\_\_\_\_ bread and \_\_\_\_\_ butter on my plate.
18. There is \_\_\_\_\_ ball in the yard.
19. There is \_\_\_\_\_ equipment for playing tennis in the garage.
20. Sandy is doing \_\_\_\_\_ homework.

Tell if these nouns are count or non-count. Then make a sentence with the noun.

Read your sentence to the teacher. **Teachers:** Write the students sentence in the chat box (or on the white board if you are in person). Make corrections if needed. Let several students read their sentences.

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|-------|---------|-------|---------|-----------|-------|-------|
| cloud | weather | actor | traffic | carpenter | water | music |
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Why is it important to know if a noun is count or non-count? Because we use different words in front of them. You know to use A or An in front of a singular count noun. We can use numbers in front of plural count nouns. EX: I would like two cupcakes, please. We can't use numbers in front of non-count nouns. EX: NOT I would like two rices.

You can use A or AN in front of a container with non-count nouns: EX: a cup of coffee, a glass of milk, a mug of tea, a packet of sugar, a bag of flour.

**Practice Speaking: Answer these in a complete sentence. EX: My favorite food is...**

- 1-Name a food you can't do without.
- 2-Name a food you never eat.
- 3-What kinds of things would you grow in your garden if you had one.
- 4-Name someone famous that you admire.