



Assisted Living Mini-Story Lesson

Hello and welcome to the mini-story lesson for the conversation “Assisted Living.”

Okay, let’s get started with the story now.

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Jackie has her hands full. She works as a lawyer for twelve hours every day. She needs a vacation because she is really stressed out.

Jackie’s cousin Mary lives in Thailand. She told Jackie to visit her in Thailand.

“I don’t want to put you out,” said Jackie.

“I want you to visit,” said Mary.

So Jackie flew to Thailand.

Jackie really loved Thailand. Mary had told her that she would really like it so she knew it was bound to happen.

One day Jackie was at a café and she met a bunch of dolphins. The dolphins were playing music in the café. They needed a new singer so they asked Jackie to join the band. Jackie was so happy. She really enjoyed singing in the band so she decided to stay in Thailand.

Every once in a while Jackie thinks about being a lawyer, but she never wants to do it again.

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Okay, so that brings us to the end of our story. Now, as always, I will read the story again and I will ask questions as I read it this time. You can answer the questions out loud after I ask them if you wish and if you need a little more time, you can always press pause on your iPod or your computer or whatever you’re playing the lesson on. And then you can press play again when you feel like you’ve had enough time to answer the question. And, of course, if you just want to listen, that’s fine as well. You don’t need to answer the questions out loud.

Okay, let’s get started.

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Jackie has her hands full.



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Does Jackie have her hands full?

Yes, she does. Jackie has her hands full.

Is Jackie very busy?

Yes, yes, she is. Jackie has her hands full, which means that Jackie is very busy. When you have your hands full it means you're very busy.

Who has her hands full?

Jackie, Jackie has her hands full.

Does Jackie or Mary have her hands full?

Jackie does. Jackie has her hands full.

Is Jackie really busy?

Yes, she is. Jackie has her hands full, which is the same thing as saying, Jackie is really busy.

She works as a lawyer for twelve hours every day.

Does she work as a lawyer for twelve hours every day?

Yes, she does. She works as a lawyer for twelve hours every day.

What does she do?

Well, she works as a lawyer. She is a lawyer.

Does she go to school or work as a lawyer?

Work as a lawyer, she works as a lawyer.

Who works as a lawyer?

Jackie, Jackie works as a lawyer.



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Okay so what does Jackie work as? Does she work as a lawyer or as a teacher?

A lawyer, Jackie works as a lawyer.

How often does Jackie work?

Every day, she works every day.

Does she work only on Thursdays?

No, she works a lot more than just on Thursdays.

Does she work every day?

Yes, she does. She works every day.

How many hours does she work each day?

Twelve, she works twelve hours every day.

Does she work eight or twelve hours?

Twelve, she works twelve hours every day.

She needs a vacation because she is really stressed out.

Does she need a vacation?

Yes, she does. She really needs a vacation. She works more than twelve hours every day so I'm sure she really does need a vacation.

What does she need?

A vacation, she needs a vacation.

Does she need to work more?

No, she definitely does not need to work more if she is already working twelve hours every day.



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Who needs a vacation?

Jackie does. Jackie needs a vacation.

Does Jackie's brother need a vacation?

No, it's not her brother.

Does Jackie need a vacation?

Yes, yes, she does. Jackie needs a vacation.

Why does she need a vacation?

Well, she needs a vacation because she's stressed out. And she's probably stressed out because she works all the time, or at least she works twelve hours every day.

Is she really stressed out?

Yes, she is. She's really stressed out.

Is she really relaxed?

No, no, she's certainly not relaxed. She's stressed out. When you're stressed out that means you are not relaxed.

Is she really worried?

Yes, we could say that. When you're stressed out you say that you're worried or you're unable to relax so if she's stressed out then yes, she's worried and she's not relaxed.

Jackie's cousin Mary lives in Thailand.

Does Jackie's cousin Mary live in Thailand?

Yes, she does. Jackie's cousin Mary lives in Thailand.

Whose cousin Mary lives in Thailand?



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Jackie's, Jackie's cousin Mary lives in Thailand.

Does Bill's cousin live in Thailand?

No, Bill's cousin doesn't live in Thailand. Jackie's cousin lives in Thailand.

Who lives in Thailand?

Jackie's cousin Mary, Jackie's cousin Mary lives in Thailand.

Does Jackie's brother or cousin live in Thailand?

Her cousin, her cousin Mary lives in Thailand.

What is Jackie's cousin's name?

It's Mary. Jackie's cousin Mary.

Is her cousin's name Sara or Mary?

It's Mary. Her cousin's name is Mary.

Where does Mary live?

In Thailand, Mary lives in Thailand.

Does she live in Cambodia or Thailand?

She lives in Thailand. Mary lives in Thailand.

She told Jackie to visit her in Thailand.

Did she tell Jackie to visit her in Thailand?

Yes, she did. She told Jackie to visit her in Thailand.

What did she do?



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Well, she told Jackie to visit her in Thailand.

Who told Jackie to visit her?

Mary did, her cousin Mary told her to visit.

Did Mary or Beth tell Jackie to visit her?

Mary did, Mary told Jackie to visit her.

What did she tell Jackie?

To visit her in Thailand, she told Jackie to visit her in Thailand.

Did she tell her to cook dinner?

No, she didn't tell her to cook dinner?

Did she tell her to visit her in Thailand?

Yes, she did. She told her to visit her in Thailand.

Where did she tell her to visit her?

In Thailand, she told her to visit her in Thailand.

Did she tell her to visit her in Cambodia?

No, not Cambodia, Mary doesn't live in Cambodia.

Did she tell her to visit her in Thailand?

Yes, she did. She told her to visit her in Thailand.

“I don't want to put you out,” said Jackie.

Did Jackie say that she did not want to put her out?

Yes, she did. She said, “I don't want to put you out.”



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Did Jackie say that she did not want to inconvenience her?

Yes, yes, she did. She said, "I don't want to put you out," which is the same thing as saying I don't want to inconvenience you. To put someone out means to inconvenience them.

Who didn't want to put her out?

Jackie, Jackie's the one who said it. She said she didn't want to put her out.

Who did Jackie not want to put out?

Well, she didn't want to put out her cousin Mary.

Did Jackie want to put out Mary?

No, no, she didn't. She did not want to put out Mary.

Did Jackie want to inconvenience Mary?

No, she said she did not want to put her out, which is the same thing as saying she did not want to inconvenience her. To put someone out means to inconvenience them. So she did not want to inconvenience her.

"I want you to visit," said Mary.

Did Mary want her to visit?

Yes, she did. She told her that she wanted her to visit.

What did Mary want?

Well, she wanted her to visit. That's what she wanted.

Who did she want to visit?

Jackie, she wanted her cousin Jackie to visit.

Did she want Tom Cruise to visit?



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No, she didn't tell Tom Cruise that she wanted him to visit. She told Jackie she wanted her to visit.

Did she want her cousin Jackie to visit?

Yes, she did. She told Jackie she wanted her to visit.

So Jackie flew to Thailand.

Did Jackie fly to Thailand?

Yes, she did. Jackie flew to Thailand.

What did Jackie do?

Well, she flew. She flew to Thailand.

Did she ride a motorcycle or fly?

She flew. She flew to Thailand.

Who flew to Thailand?

Jackie, Jackie flew to Thailand.

Did Jackie's brother fly to Thailand?

No, it wasn't her brother who flew to Thailand.

Did Jackie fly to Thailand?

Yes, she did. Jackie flew to Thailand.

Where did she fly to?

Thailand, she flew to Thailand.

Did she fly to France?



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No, she didn't fly to France.

Did she fly to Thailand?

Yes, she did. She flew to Thailand.

Jackie really loved Thailand.

Did Jackie really love Thailand?

Yes, yes, she did. She really loved Thailand.

Did Jackie hate Thailand?

No, she didn't hate it. She really loved it. She really loved Thailand.

Did Jackie love Thailand a lot?

Yes, yes, she did. She really loved it, which means she loved it a lot.

Who really loved Thailand?

Jackie, Jackie really loved Thailand.

Did Jackie or Sara really love Thailand?

Jackie, Jackie really loved Thailand.

Mary had told her that she would really like it

Did Mary tell her she would really like it?

Yes, she did. That's what Mary told her. Mary told her she would really like it.

What had Mary told her?

That she would really like it. She told her that she would really like it.



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Had Mary told her that she would really like Thailand?

Yes, yes, that's true. She told her that she would really like it meaning that she would really like Thailand.

Who told her?

Mary did. Mary told her she would really like Thailand.

Did Mary or Patti tell her?

Mary did. Mary told her.

Who did Mary tell?

Well, she told Jackie.

Did Mary tell Jackie?

Yes, she did. She told Jackie.

Did Mary tell Jackie to drink some coffee?

No, she didn't tell her to drink some coffee.

Did Mary tell Jackie that she would really like it?

Yes, she did. She told her she would really like it.

Did Mary tell Jackie that she would really like Thailand?

Yes, yes, that's what she meant when she said she would really like it. She meant she would really like Thailand.

so she knew it was bound to happen.

Did she know it was bound to happen?

Yes, she did. She knew it was bound to happen.



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Did she think that it probably would not happen?

No, no, that's not true. She knew it was bound to happen, not that it probably would not happen.

Did she know that it was very likely to happen?

Yes, she did. She knew it was bound to happen, which is the same thing as saying she knew it was very likely to happen. If something is bound to happen, then that means it's very likely to happen.

Who knew it was bound to happen?

Jackie, Jackie knew that it was bound to happen.

Did Jackie know that it was very likely to happen?

Yes, she did. Jackie knew it was bound to happen, which is the same thing as saying, Jackie knew that it was very likely to happen. Bound to happen means very likely to happen.

What was bound to happen?

Well, Jackie really loving Thailand was bound to happen.

Why did Jackie know it was bound to happen?

Well, she knew it was bound to happen or she knew that it was very likely to happen because Mary had told her that she would really like Thailand so she knew that falling in love with Thailand or really loving Thailand was bound to happen.

One day Jackie was at a café

Was Jackie at a café?

Yes, she was. Jackie was at a café.

Who was at a café?

Jackie, Jackie was at a café.

Was Sam or Jackie at a café?



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Jackie was. It wasn't Sam.

Where was Jackie?

At a café, she was at a café.

Was she at a café or a library?

At a café, Jackie was at a café.

And she met a bunch of dolphins.

Did she meet a bunch of dolphins?

Yes, she did. She met a bunch of dolphins.

What did she do?

Well, she met a bunch of dolphins.

Did she meet a bunch of gorillas or dolphins?

Dolphins, she met a bunch of dolphins, not a bunch of gorillas.

Did she meet just one dolphin?

No, she met a bunch of dolphins, not just one.

Did she meet a lot of dolphins?

Yes, she did. She met a bunch of dolphins, which is the same thing as saying she met a lot of dolphins. A bunch means a lot.

Where did she meet a bunch of dolphins?

At a café, she met them at a café.

Did she meet a lot of dolphins at a café?



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Yes, she did. She met a lot of dolphins at a café.

The dolphins were playing music in the café.

Were the dolphins playing music at the café?

Yes, they were. The dolphins were playing music at the café.

What were the dolphins doing?

Well, they were playing music.

Were they playing football or music?

They were playing music, they weren't playing football.

Who was playing music?

The dolphins, the dolphins were playing music.

Was Jackie's cousin playing music?

No, her cousin wasn't playing music.

Were the dolphins playing music?

Yes, yes, they were. The dolphins were playing music.

Where were they playing music?

At the café, they were playing music at the café.

Were they playing music at the beach?

No, they weren't playing music at the beach.

Were they playing music at the café?



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Yes, yes, that's where they were playing music. They were playing music at the café.

They needed a new singer

Did they need a new singer?

Yes, they did. They needed a new singer.

What did they need?

A singer, they needed a singer.

Did they need a guitar player or a singer?

A singer, they needed a singer.

Who needed a singer?

The dolphins, the dolphins needed a singer for their music group.

Did the sharks need a new singer?

No, it wasn't the sharks.

Did the dolphins need a new singer?

Yes, they did. The dolphins needed a new singer.

So they asked Jackie to join the band.

Did they ask Jackie to join the band?

Yes, they did. They asked Jackie to join the band.

Did they ask Jackie to join the music group?

Yes, they asked her to join the band, which is the same thing as saying they asked her to join the music group. So yes, they asked her to join the music group.



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What did they ask Jackie?

To join the band, they asked her to join the band.

Did they ask her to cook dinner?

No, they didn't ask her to cook dinner.

Did they ask her to join the band?

Yes, they did. They asked her to join the band.

Who asked Jackie to join the band?

The dolphins, the dolphins asked Jackie to join the band.

What did they ask her to join?

The band, they asked her to join the band, or they asked her to join the music group, it's the same thing as the band.

Did they ask her to join the Army or the band?

They didn't ask her to join the Army. They asked her to join the band. They wanted her to sing in the band.

Jackie was so happy.

Who was so happy?

Jackie, Jackie was so happy.

Was Mary or Jackie so happy?

Jackie, Jackie was so happy.

Was Jackie happy?

Yes, she was. She was so happy.



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Was Jackie upset?

No she wasn't upset.

Was Jackie just a little happy?

No, she was more than just a little happy.

Was Jackie really happy?

Yes, she was. She was so happy, she was really happy, she was very happy.

She really enjoyed singing in the band

Did she really enjoy singing in the band?

Yes, she did. She really enjoyed singing in the band.

Who really enjoyed singing in the band?

Jackie did. Jackie really enjoyed singing in the band.

Did Mary really enjoy singing in the band?

No, it wasn't Mary.

Did Jackie really enjoy singing in the band?

Yes, she did. Jackie really enjoyed singing in the band.

What did she really enjoy?

Well, she enjoyed singing in the band.

Did she really enjoy watching television or singing in the band?

Singing in the band, Jackie really enjoyed singing in the band.



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So she decided to stay in Thailand.

Did she decide to stay in Thailand?

Yes, she did. She decided to stay in Thailand.

What did she decide to do?

To stay in Thailand, she decided to stay in Thailand.

Did she decide to go back to her job as a lawyer?

No, she didn't. She decided to stay in Thailand.

Who decided to stay in Thailand?

Jackie, Jackie decided to stay in Thailand.

Did Sara or Jackie decide to stay in Thailand?

Jackie did. Jackie decided to stay in Thailand.

Where did she decide to stay?

In Thailand, she decided to stay in Thailand.

Did she decide to stay in France?

No, she didn't decide to stay in France.

Did she decide to stay in Thailand?

Yes, she did. She decided to stay in Thailand.

Every once in a while Jackie thinks about being a lawyer,

Does Jackie think about being a lawyer every once in a while?



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Yes, she does. Every once in a while Jackie thinks about being a lawyer.

How often does Jackie think about being a lawyer?

Every once in a while, she thinks about it every once in a while.

Does she think about it all the time?

No, she thinks it about it every once in a while. All the time does not mean every once in a while.

Does she think about it sometimes?

Yes, yes, that's true. She thinks about it every once in a while, which is the same thing as saying she thinks about it sometimes. Every once in a while is the same thing as sometimes.

Who thinks about being a lawyer?

Jackie does. Jackie thinks about being a lawyer.

Does Mary or Jackie think about being a lawyer?

Jackie does. Jackie thinks about being a lawyer.

What does Jackie think about?

Being a lawyer, she thinks about being a lawyer.

Does she think about school or being a lawyer?

Being a lawyer, she thinks about being a lawyer.

Does Jackie every once in a while think about being a lawyer?

Yes, she does. Every once in a while Jackie thinks about being a lawyer.

Does Jackie sometimes think about being a lawyer?

Yes, yes, that's true. Every once in a while she thinks about being a lawyer, which means sometimes she thinks about being a lawyer. Every once in a while means sometimes.



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but she never wants to do it again.

Does she ever want to do it again?

No, no, she does not. She never wants to do it again.

Who never wants to do it again?

Jackie, Jackie never wants to do it again?

What does she not want to do?

Be a lawyer, she never wants to be a lawyer again.

Does Jackie ever want to be a lawyer again?

No, no, she doesn't. She never wants to be a lawyer again.

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Okay, so we have reached the end of our story, which means we are the end of the mini-story lesson for the conversation "Assisted Living." Now please try to tell the story on your own and be sure to use the idioms that we used in the story. Those idioms were: "has her hands full," "stressed out," "put you out," "bound to happen," "a bunch," and "every once in a while." Now remember, you can listen to this mini-story lesson as many times as you need to, so please listen to it again whenever you need to.

Okay, so that's all. Thanks and we'll see you next time.