



## Trip To Washington Mini-Story Lesson

Hello. Welcome to the mini-story lesson for the conversation “Trip To Washington.”

Let’s get started with the story.

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**Tom Cruise’s house has roaches. There are so many that it is out of hand.**

**He is now fed up. So he decides to go to Hawaii for one month. His Aunt Susanna lives in Hawaii and Hawaii is really low key.**

**After he gets to Hawaii, he drives to his aunt’s house. He is psyched to see her and she is tickled pink to see him.**

**On the first day he goes to the beach. He decides to learn how to surf. At first he cannot stand up on the surfboard but soon he gets the hang of it.**

**Tom Cruise goes to the beach every day. He does not think about the roaches at his house. He is able to completely let go.**

**After four weeks pass by, he realized that time flies when he is relaxing.**

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Okay, so that is our story. Now, as always, I will go back to the beginning of the story and I will read the story and I will ask questions while I read the story. Please answer the questions out loud if you wish. If you need a little more time then you can pause your player and then answer the question when you feel like you’ve had enough time. Or if you just want to sit back and listen to the questions without answering, that’s fine, too.

Okay, so here we go.

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**Tom Cruise’s house has roaches.**

Does Tom Cruise’s house have roaches?

*Yes, yes, it does. Tom Cruise’s house has roaches.*

Does Will Smith’s house or Tom Cruise’s house have roaches?



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*Tom Cruise. Tom Cruise's house has roaches.*

Does Will Smith's house have roaches?

*No, Will Smith's house doesn't have roaches.*

Does Tom Cruise's house have roaches?

*Yes, yes, that's correct. Tom Cruise's house has roaches.*

Whose house has roaches?

*Tom Cruise's. Tom Cruise's house has roaches.*

What does Tom Cruise's house have? Does it have cats or roaches?

*It has roaches.*

Does Tom Cruise's house have cats?

*No, not cats.*

Does Tom Cruise's house have roaches?

*Yes, yes, it does. Tom Cruise's house has roaches.*

**There are so many that it is out of hand.**

Is it out of hand because there are so many roaches?

*Yes, yes, that's why it's out of hand. There are so many roaches that it is out of hand.*

Is it out of control because there are so many roaches?

*Yes, yes, that's true also. If something is out of hand, that means it is out of control, so it is out of control.*

Are there a lot of roaches at Tom Cruise's house?



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*Yes, yes, there are. It says there are so many that it is out of control so there must be a lot of roaches at Tom Cruise's house.*

Why is it out of hand? Is it because there are too many cats or too many roaches at his house?

*Well, it's not because there are too many cats. It is certainly because there are too many roaches. There are so many that it is out of hand.*

**He is now fed up.**

Is he now fed up?

*Yes, yes, he is. He is fed up.*

Okay, so what is he? Is he hungry?

*No, he's not hungry.*

Is he fed up?

*Yes, yes, he is. He is fed up.*

Is he happy?

*No, no, he's not happy. He has roaches in his house, he's fed up.*

Is he upset?

*Yes, yes, he is. He's upset or he's fed up. To be fed up means to be upset.*

Who is fed up now?

*Well, Tom Cruise. Tom Cruise is fed up now.*

Was he fed up yesterday?

*No, he is fed up now.*

Is he fed up now?



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*Yes, he is fed up now.*

**So he decides to go to Hawaii for one month.**

Does he decide to go to Hawaii for one month?

*Yes, he does. He decides to go to Hawaii for one month.*

Okay, so what does he decide to do?

*Go to Hawaii, he decides to go to Hawaii for one month.*

Does he decide to eat the roaches or go to Hawaii for one month?

*To go to Hawaii for one month, that's what he decided to do.*

Does he decide to eat the roaches?

*Eat the roaches, no, I don't think Tom Cruise will be eating the roaches. He did not decide to eat the roaches.*

Does he decide to go to Hawaii for one month?

*Yes, that's exactly what he did. He decides to go to Hawaii for one month.*

Okay, so who decides to go to Hawaii for one month?

*Tom Cruise, that's who decided. Tom Cruise decided to go to Hawaii for one month.*

Does Will Smith or Tom Cruise decide to go to Hawaii?

*Tom Cruise. Tom Cruise decides to go to Hawaii.*

How long will he go to Hawaii?

*Well, he will go for one month.*

Will he go to Hawaii for seven days or one month?



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*One month. He will go to Hawaii for one month.*

Does he decide to go to Hawaii for one month?

*Yes, yes, he does. He decides to go to Hawaii for one month.*

### **His Aunt Susanna lives in Hawaii**

Does his aunt live in Hawaii?

*Yes, she does. His aunt lives in Hawaii.*

Who lives in Hawaii?

*Well, Tom Cruise's Aunt Susanna lives in Hawaii.*

Does his Aunt Peggy live in Hawaii?

*No, no, it's not his Aunt Peggy.*

Does his Aunt Susanna live in Hawaii?

*Yes, yes, she does. His Aunt Susanna lives in Hawaii.*

Is his aunt's name Susanna or Sandra?

*Well, it's Susanna. His Aunt Susanna.*

Where does his Aunt Susanna live? Does she live in California or Hawaii?

*Hawaii, she lives in Hawaii.*

Does his aunt live in California?

*No, no, she doesn't live in California.*

Does his aunt live in Hawaii?



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*Yes, yes, that's correct. His aunt lives in Hawaii.*

**and Hawaii is really low key.**

Is Hawaii really low key?

*Yes, it is. Hawaii is really low key.*

Is Hawaii only a little low key?

*No, Hawaii is really low key.*

Is Hawaii very low key?

*Yes, yes, that's correct. It is really low key or it is very low key.*

Is Hawaii very relaxing?

*Yes, it is. It is really low key which is the same as saying it is very relaxing.*

Okay, so what is really low key? Is California or Hawaii really low key?

*Hawaii. Hawaii is really low key.*

Is California really low key?

*No, that's not what the story reads. In the story it says Hawaii is really low key, not California.*

Is Hawaii really low key?

*Yes, yes, it is. Hawaii is really low key.*

**After he gets to Hawaii, he drives to his aunt's house.**

Does he drive to his aunt's house after he gets to Hawaii?

*Yes, yes, he does. After he gets to Hawaii, he drives to his aunt's house.*



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What does he do after he gets to Hawaii?

*He drives to his aunt's house.*

Does Tom Cruise or Will Smith drive to his aunt's house?

*Tom Cruise does. Tom Cruise drives to his aunt's house.*

How does he get to his aunt's house?

*Well, he drives there. He drives to his aunt's house.*

Does he ride a motorcycle? Or does he drive?

*He drives. He drives to his aunt's house.*

Does he ride a motorcycle?

*No, he doesn't ride a motorcycle.*

Where does he go?

*Well, first he went to Hawaii but then after he arrives in Hawaii, he drives to his aunt's house.*

Where does he drive to?

*He drives to his aunt's house.*

Does he drive to his mother's house?

*No, he doesn't drive to his mother's house.*

Does he drive to his aunt's house before getting to Hawaii?

*No, he doesn't drive to his aunt's house before he gets to Hawaii.*

Does he drive to his aunt's house after getting to Hawaii?

*Yes, that's correct, that's when he drove to his aunt's house. He drove to his aunt's house after getting to Hawaii.*



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### **He is psyched to see her**

Is he psyched to see her?

*Yes, yes, he is. He is psyched to see her.*

Who is psyched to see her?

*Well, Tom Cruise. Tom Cruise is psyched to see her.*

Who is he psyched to see?

*His aunt. His Aunt Susanna.*

Is he psyched to see his brother Peter?

*No, he's not psyched to see his brother Peter.*

Is he psyched to see his Aunt Penelope?

*No, not his Aunt Penelope.*

Is he psyched to see his Aunt Susanna?

*Yes, that's correct, it's his Aunt Susanna. He's psyched to see his Aunt Susanna.*

Is he excited to see his Aunt Susanna?

*Well, yes, he is. To be psyched means to be excited so if he is psyched to see her, that means he is excited to see her. So Tom Cruise is excited to see his Aunt Susanna.*

### **and she is tickled pink to see him.**

Is she tickled pink to see him?

*Yes, yes, she is. She is tickled pink to see him.*





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Okay, so who is tickled pink to see him?

*Well, his Aunt Susanna. His Aunt Susanna is tickled pink to see him.*

Who is she tickled pink to see?

*Tom Cruise. She is tickled pink to see Tom Cruise.*

Is she tickled pink to see Tom Cruise's wife?

*No, not Tom Cruise's wife.*

Is she tickled pink to see Tom Cruise?

*Yes, that's correct. She is tickled pink to see Tom Cruise.*

Is she unhappy to see him?

*No, no, not unhappy. Tickled pink does not mean unhappy.*

Is she very happy to see him?

*Yes, yes, that's correct. She is tickled pink to see him which is the same thing as saying she is very happy to see him.*

Is she tickled pink to see him?

*Yes, yes, she is. His Aunt Susanna is tickled pink to see him.*

**On the first day he goes to the beach.**

Does he go to the beach on the first day?

*Yes, he does. That's what he does on the first day, he goes to the beach.*

What does he do?

*Well, he goes to the beach.*



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Does he bake a cake or go to the beach?

*He goes to the beach.*

Does Tom Cruise go to the beach or does his Aunt Susanna go to the beach?

*Tom Cruise does. Tom Cruise goes to the beach.*

Does Tom Cruise's Aunt Susanna go to the beach?

*No, his Aunt Susanna does not go to the beach.*

Where does he go?

*He goes to the beach.*

Does he go to the pool or to the beach?

*The beach, he goes to the beach.*

Does he go to the lake?

*No, not the lake.*

Does he go to the beach?

*Yes, yes, he does. He goes to the beach.*

When does he go to the beach? Does he go to the beach on the fifth day he is in Hawaii?

*No, not the fifth day. He doesn't wait that long.*

Does he go to the beach on the first day?

*Yes, he does. On the first day he goes to the beach.*

**He decides to learn how to surf.**

Does he decide to learn how to surf?



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*Yes, he does, that's what he does. He decides to learn how to surf.*

What does he decide to do?

*He decides to learn how to surf.*

Does he decide to eat a hamburger?

*No, that's not what he decided to do.*

Does he decide to learn how to surf?

*Yes, that's correct. He decides to learn how to surf.*

Does he already know how to surf?

*No, he doesn't already know how to surf, because he decides to learn how to surf. This means that he does not know how to surf already.*

Okay, so who decides to learn how to surf? Does Tom Cruise or his Aunt Susanna decide?

*Tom Cruise. Tom Cruise decides to learn how to surf.*

What does he decide to learn how to do?

*To surf, he decides to learn how to surf.*

Does he decide to learn how to drive a car?

*No, that's not what he decides to learn how to do.*

Does he decide to learn how to surf?

*Yes, that's exactly what he decided to do. He decides to learn how to surf.*

### **At first he cannot stand up on the surfboard**

Can he stand up on the surfboard at first?



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*No, he cannot stand up on the surfboard at first.*

When he first learns how to surf, is he able to stand up on the surfboard?

*No, no, he is not able to stand up on the surfboard at first. He cannot stand up on the surfboard at first.*

What is he unable to do?

*Well, at first he is unable to stand up on the surfboard.*

Who cannot stand up on the surfboard?

*Tom Cruise, that's who. Tom Cruise cannot stand up on the surfboard at first.*

Can Tom Cruise's aunt stand up on a surfboard?

*No, not his aunt.*

Can Tom Cruise stand up on the roof of his house?

*No, not the roof of his house.*

Can Tom Cruise stand up on the surfboard?

*Not at first he can't, he cannot stand up on the surfboard at first.*

**but soon he gets the hang of it.**

Does he get the hang of it?

*Yes, yes, he does. He gets the hang of it.*

Does he become better at it?

*Yes, yes, that's true. To say he gets the hang of it is the same as saying he becomes better at it.*

What does he get the hang of?



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*Standing up on the surfboard because at first he was unable to stand up on the surfboard but soon he gets the hang of it.*

Does he get the hang of driving his car?

*No, not driving his car.*

Does he get the hang of standing up on the surfboard?

*Yes, yes, he does. He gets the hang of it. He gets the hang of standing up on his surfboard.*

Does he get the hang of it two years later?

*No, not two years later.*

Does he get the hang of it soon?

*Yes, that's true. Soon he gets the hang of it.*

Can he stand up on the surfboard after he practices?

*Yes, yes, he gets the hang of it because he continues to try to surf or he practices surfing. He practices standing up on the surfboard and soon he gets the hang of it.*

**Tom Cruise goes to the beach every day.**

Does Tom Cruise go to the beach every day?

*Yes, yes, he does. He goes to the beach every day.*

What does Tom Cruise do every day?

*Well, he goes to the beach.*

Does he cook dinner or go to the beach every day?

*He goes to the beach. He goes to the beach every day.*

Does he cook dinner every day?



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*No, no, he doesn't cook dinner every day.*

Does he go to the beach every day?

*Yes, that's true. He goes to the beach every day.*

Does Tom Cruise's Aunt Susanna go to the beach every day?

*No, it's not his Aunt Susanna who goes to the beach every day.*

Does Tom Cruise go to the beach every day?

*Yes, yes, he does. Tom Cruise goes to the beach every day.*

Okay, so where does he go every day?

*The beach, he goes to the beach every day.*

Does he go to the lake or the beach?

*The beach, he goes to the beach.*

Does Tom Cruise go to the beach only on Mondays?

*No, he doesn't just go on Mondays.*

Does Tom Cruise go to the beach every other day?

*No, he doesn't go every other day.*

Does Tom Cruise go to the beach every day?

*Yes, that's correct. Tom Cruise goes to the beach every day.*

**He does not think about the roaches at his house.**

So does he think about the roaches at his house?



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*No, he doesn't. He does not think about the roaches at his house.*

Are the roaches at Susanna's house?

*No, they're not at his Aunt Susanna's house.*

Are the roaches at Tom Cruise's house?

*Yes, they are. The roaches are at his house.*

Who doesn't think about the roaches? Tom Cruise or Tom Cruise's Aunt Susanna?

*Well, Tom Cruise does not think about the roaches at his house.*

Does Tom Cruise think about surfing?

*Well, maybe he does, but what we know is he does not think about the roaches at his house. He might think about surfing.*

Does he think about the roaches at his house?

*No, he does not. He does not think about the roaches at his house.*

**He is able to completely let go.**

Is he able to completely let go?

*Yes, he is. He is able to completely let go.*

What is he able to do?

*To completely let go. He is able to completely let go.*

Is he able to buy a car or completely let go?

*Well, he is able to completely let go.*

Is he able to let go just a little bit?



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*No, he is able to let go more than that.*

Is he able to let go a lot?

*Yes, yes, he is. He is able to let go a lot.*

Is he able to completely relax?

*Yes, he is. He is able to completely let go which is the same as saying he is able to completely relax.*

Is Tom Cruise or Tom Cruise's aunt able to completely let go?

*Tom Cruise is, Tom Cruise is able to completely let go.*

Is Tom Cruise able to completely let go?

*Yes, he is. He is able to completely let go.*

**After four weeks pass by, he realized that time flies when he is relaxing.**

Does he realize that time flies when he is relaxing?

*Yes, yes, he does. He realizes that time flies when he is relaxing.*

Is he surprised how quickly time goes by when he is relaxing?

*Yes, yes, he does. He realizes that time flies when he is relaxing so that is the same as saying he is surprised how quickly time goes by when he is relaxing.*

Is he surprised that he has already been in Hawaii for four weeks?

*Well, yes, you could say that. He realizes that time flies so that's the same as saying he's surprised that he has already been in Hawaii as long as he has which has been four weeks time.*

How much time passed by? Did one year or four weeks pass by?

*Four weeks passed by. After four weeks pass by, he realizes that time flies when he is relaxing.*

Did five weeks pass by?





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*No, five weeks didn't pass by.*

Did four weeks pass by?

*Yes, yes, that is correct. Four weeks passed by.*

Who realizes that time flies? Does Susanna realize that time flies?

*No, no, it's not Susanna.*

Does Tom Cruise realize that time flies?

*Yes, that's who realizes it. Tom Cruise realizes that time flies.*

When does time fly? Does it fly when he is in an airplane or does it fly when he is relaxing?

*It flies when he is relaxing. Time flies when he is relaxing.*

Does Tom Cruise realize that time flies when he is relaxing?

*Yes, he realizes that time flies when he is relaxing.*

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Okay, so that brings us to the end of our story. So that means that we have finished the mini-story lesson for the conversation "Trip To Washington." Now please tell this story all by yourself. Remember you do not have to memorize every word but you do need to use the idioms that we discussed in the lesson. Those idioms are "out of hand," "fed up," "low key," "psyched," "tickled pink," "gets the hang of," "to let go," and "time flies." So now tell the story on your own and remember that you can listen to this lesson as many times as you need to.

Okay, thank you. See you next time.