



## Lesson 6

### A Tired Gardener

Minh is a gardener. Friday is his day off. So every Friday, he helps his older sister, Lang. Lang has a big yard. She needs help taking care of it. Minh rakes the leaves. He mows the lawn. He trims the bushes.

Today Lang asks Minh for something else. She points to a big bush. It is outside her front window. "Please take out that bush," she says. "I can't see outside."

"I can trim it for you," says Minh.

"No, thank you," says Lang. "I don't like it there. Please take it out."

Minh works very hard on Friday. He digs a big hole. He pulls the bush out of the ground. It takes a long time. Minh is very tired. He doesn't have time to rake the leaves and mow the lawn. He doesn't have time to trim the bushes. Minh needs to come back on Saturday.

Minh arrives on Saturday morning. Lang runs outside. "Minh," she says, "I'm so sorry. Can you please plant a big bush outside my front window? I don't want to see outside. The sun hurts my eyes!"



**Check (✓) Yes or No.**

**Yes    No**

- 1. Minh is a gardener.
- 2. Every Saturday, he helps his older sister, Lang.
- 3. Lang has a small yard.
- 4. She wants Minh to take out a big bush.
- 5. Minh pulls the bush out of the ground.
- 6. It takes a long time. Minh is very tired.
- 7. Minh has time to rake the leaves and mow the lawn.
- 8. Minh needs to come back on Sunday.
- 9. Now Lang asks Minh to plant a big bush.
- 10. She doesn't want to see outside. The sun hurts her eyes.

## Complete the sentences.

trims

digs

takes

rakes

points

mows

pulls

helps

1. Every Friday, Minh \_\_\_\_\_ his older sister, Lang.
2. Minh \_\_\_\_\_ the leaves.
3. He \_\_\_\_\_ the lawn.
4. He \_\_\_\_\_ the bushes.
5. Lang \_\_\_\_\_ to a big bush. She wants Minh to take it out.
6. Minh \_\_\_\_\_ a big hole.
7. He \_\_\_\_\_ the bush out of the ground.
8. It \_\_\_\_\_ a long time. Minh is very tired.

## Match the meanings.

- |                 |  |
|-----------------|--|
| ___ 1. window   | a. an area in front of or behind a house           |
| ___ 2. sun      | b. a glass opening in a house or building          |
| ___ 3. gardener | c. the weekday between Thursday and Saturday       |
| ___ 4. yard     | d. the star that gives heat and light to the earth |
| ___ 5. bush     | e. a person who does yard work                     |
| ___ 6. Friday   | f. a large plant with branches and leaves          |

## Conversation with a Gardener

Practice the dialog with a partner.

- A. What can I do for you today?**  
**B. Please take out that bush. I can't see outside.**  
**A. I can trim it for you.**  
**B. No, thank you. Please take it out.**  
**A. Okay. But I don't have time for anything else.**  
**B. Can you just rake the leaves?**  
**A. No. I need to come back tomorrow for that.**  
**B. Tomorrow is fine.**



## What does Lang say?

Read the example. Then write new sentences.

1. Lang wants Minh to rake the leaves.
2. She wants him to mow the lawn.
3. She wants him to trim the small bush.
4. She wants him to take out the big bush.
5. She wants him to plant another big bush.

Lang says:

Can you please rake the leaves?

---

---

---

---

---

## What about you?

Circle **Yes** or **No**. Then write questions and ask your partner.

**Yes No** 1. I sometimes take care of a yard.

Do you sometimes take care of a yard?

---

**Yes No** 2. I sometimes rake the leaves.

---

**Yes No** 3. I sometimes mow the lawn.

---

**Yes No** 4. I sometimes trim the bushes.

---

**Yes No** 5. I see a big bush outside my window.

---

## Talking/Writing About It

1. Do you help someone in your family? If yes, what do you do for him or her?
2. What kind of work makes you feel very tired?
3. Can you see outside your window? If yes, what can you see?