

Lesson 53: Garage sale

Hi! How are you today?

Today's lesson is about "*Garage sale.*"

Have fun learning English!

Warm-up | Useful Expressions

Directions: Listen and repeat.

- **attic** – a room or space immediately bellow roof
- **miscellaneous** – consisting of different things; diverse
- **presentable** – being in a condition that makes it good to be presented to others
- **rack** - a piece of equipment, usually made of metal or wooden bars, that is used for holding things or for hanging things on
- **occupy** – make someone busy
- **tag** - a small piece of paper, cloth, plastic, etc. attached to something to identify it or give information about it
- **assignment** – a task
- **appreciate** – to be thankful and show gratitude for something
- **mention** – to draw attention to something
- **see to it** – to ensure that something is done properly

Activity 1 | Dialogue 1

Directions: Read the dialogue aloud with your teacher.

Andrew wants to organize a garage sale, so he asked his friend Martin for tips.

Andrew : Hey, Martin. My **attic** is full of junk I don't need and that has just been thrown up there so as not to be in the way, which is why I was thinking of organizing a garage sale and getting rid of everything. Can you help me with it?

Martin : Sure thing, Andy. You know I love garage sales. The first thing we have to do is sort things into categories. Clothes, toys, household, **miscellaneous**, and find a place for everything, so that it looks **presentable** and so that customers can see everything clearly.

Andrew : I think I have a few **racks** at home that we can use for some smaller items like CDs and toys, and you can try finding coat hangers that we can use to display clothes.

Martin : You can keep your kids **occupied** by asking them to make price **tags** for the items while we are sorting things, and your wife can serve some juice and coffee to the potential buyers. You know, it's not important how much you make, the important thing is to get rid of the unnecessary stuff.

Andrew : You're right. So let's get down to business. Sheela, kids, come over here for a moment, please! I need to give **assignments** to all of you, so that this garage sale can go smoothly. You kids make price tags and you, sweetheart, you can make some juice and coffee for the customers, OK?

Martin : Great. Now that everyone has their tasks, we can start sorting things out, but before that, let's make a big "GARAGE SALE" sign and place it in on the lawn.

Andrew : I really **appreciate** this Martin. I don't know if I could've done this without you. There are so many things to think about.

Martin : Don't **mention** it, buddy! The pleasure is all mine. I'm happy to help.

Andrew : Tonight, the beers are on me.

Martin : Thanks. But let's **see to it** that we sell everything first.

Check your understanding: Answer the following questions.

1. Why does Andrew want to have a garage sale?
2. What do Andrew and Martin need to do with all the items ready for sale?
3. What does Andrew's family have to do to help with the garage sale?
4. How will Andrew repay Martin for his help?

Activity 2 | Filling in

Directions: Fill in the blanks in the text with the right word.

I've always had a lot of things and loved shopping, which is why my _____ is now filled to the roof with _____ that I don't even remember when I bought. Therefore, every once in a blue moon, I like to take all of my stuff to a flea market and sell them. I _____ my kids with doing the selling so they can learn how to do business. I always bring a rack and organize clothes so they'll look _____ and eye catching. My _____ during all that is to _____ that my kids are not getting scammed, but so far no one has managed to do such a thing. I _____ I like buying things, so, as soon as we sell everything, my kids and I go from one stall to the next and go back home with a bunch of new stuff.

Activity 3 | Free Conversation

Directions: Take turns with your teacher in answering the questions

1. Have you ever been to a garage sale? Why or why not?
2. Do you have garage sales in your country?
3. Have you ever sold anything? Why or why not?
4. Do you donate the things you don't use anymore?
5. Have you ever bought anything second-hand?
6. What things do you think is better to buy second-hand?