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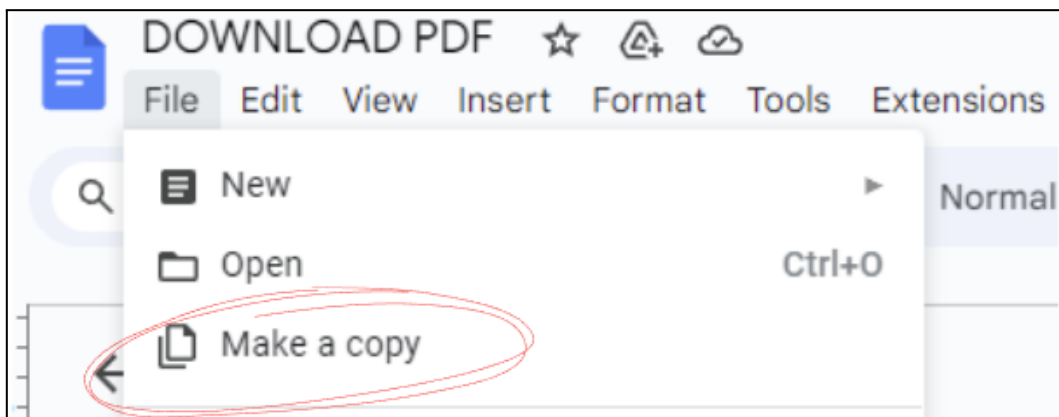
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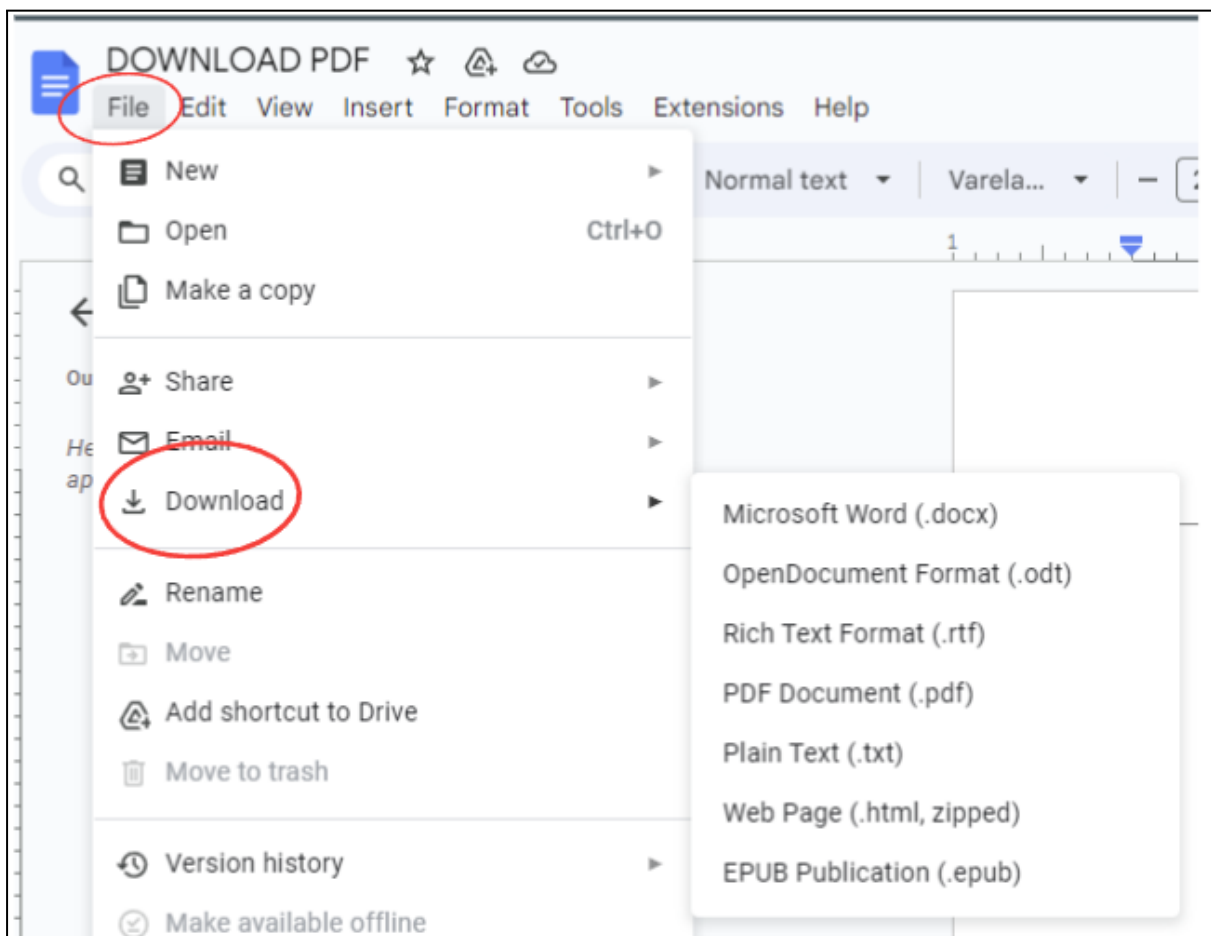
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Transcript

Leo: Hello, hello, hello! Welcome back to Podcast and Chill. I'm Leo.

Gwen: And I'm Gwen! How's everyone doing today?

Leo: I hope you're not listening to this while... uh... "forgetting" your homework.

Gwen: Or "forgetting" to answer your boss's email?

Leo: Ahaha, okay, okay! You caught me, Gwen. But hey, I'm not the only one.

Leo: Today we're talking about something that everyone does but nobody wants to talk about.

Gwen: And what's that?

Leo: We're going to talk about time. Or, more exactly, about those times when you say, "I'll do it tomorrow" or "I have time later."

Gwen: Oh yes! Students do this with homework. People at work do this with their projects. We all do it.

Leo: That's everyone's favorite line. "Tomorrow" feels so safe, right?

Gwen: Yeah, it does! But what happens when we keep saying tomorrow?

Leo: Well...tomorrow never comes.

Gwen: So today we want to talk about waiting too long to do things and what happens after that.

Leo: But don't worry! We're not here to say "you're bad" or "you're lazy." Or give you long, boring rules.

Gwen: No "good habits" or "bad habits." Instead, today we want you to sit back, relax, and listen to a story.

Leo: That's why we have a special guest today. His name is Jake, and he's going to tell us that story.

Gwen: And before Jake starts, I want to say something. Students and workers often say "I can do it tomorrow."

Gwen: It sounds okay, right? Just one day. Just one more week.

Leo: But the problem slowly grows bigger. Small problems become big problems.

Gwen: You know that feeling. When you know you have to do something, but you just... don't.

Leo: You think about starting, but then you decide to get a snack first.

Leo: And before you know it, you've lost so much time. That's why this story is so important.

Gwen: Let's welcome Jake! Jake, come and tell us your story.

Jake: Hi everyone! I'm Jake. Thank you, Leo and Gwen, for letting me share my story here.

Jake: The story is called "The Lazy Boy." It's about a lazy boy who learned a very important lesson about time.

Jake: This story is special to me because I think we can all learn something from it. So let me begin.

Jake: There was once a boy who had everything. He was smart, had great parents, enough money, and many chances.

Jake: But he had one big problem. He always said, "Later. Tomorrow. Next time."

Jake: When his mom asked for help, he said, "Later, mom." When his teacher gave him homework, he said, "I'll do it tomorrow."

Jake: When his friends asked him to try something new, like football or guitar, he said, "Next time."

Jake: At first, it looked small. Just one time late. But soon it became a habit.

Jake: Day after day, his friends learned new skills. They got better at school. They grew and changed.

Jake: But the boy? He stayed the same. He didn't move forward. He stayed in the same place.

Jake: His parents worried about him. His teachers worried about him. But he still changed nothing.

Jake: Then something happened. The boy failed his test at school again. He felt very bad. He felt heavy inside.

Jake: He walked around town, feeling sad and lost. He didn't want to go home. He didn't want to see anyone.

Jake: In the park, he saw a bench under a big tree. He sat down. Next to him was a man.

Jake: The man was about 50 years old, tall and thin. He wore glasses and was reading a book. He looked very wise and calm.

Jake: The man saw that the boy looked sad. He closed his book and gave a warm smile.

Jake: The man asked the boy, "You look worried, young man. What's wrong?"

Jake: The boy said, "I failed my test again. Everyone says I'm lazy. They say I wasted my time."

Jake: "But I think... I'm still young. I still have many chances in the future."

Jake: The man listened and was quiet for a moment, then said, "You're smart, I can see that."

Jake: "But you have one problem, young man. You always wait. Let me tell you a story. Maybe it will help you understand."

Jake: The man began to tell the boy a story.

Jake: "When I was younger, I worked with a man in a company. He was very smart and very talented."

Jake: "But he had one bad habit. He always waited until tomorrow to do things."

Jake: "One day, our boss gave us an important project. He thought he still had time. So he waited."

Jake: "We finished our parts first. But him? He couldn't finish his part of the work in time."

Jake: "After that, people stopped trusting him. He lost all his chances to move up in the company."

Jake: "In the end, he had to leave the company... with nothing."

Jake: The man looked into the boy's eyes and spoke slowly.

Jake: "Do you see it? Chances don't wait for anyone. When a day is gone, it never comes back."

Jake: "Doing well and doing badly are different because of this. One person uses time smartly, and the other person throws it away."

Jake: The man spoke slowly and carefully.

Jake: "Every day is a special gift. Every morning is a chance to learn, to grow. If you miss today, that day is gone forever."

Jake: "You're still young. You still have your gift. But remember this, every day that passes is a closed door. It will never open again."

Jake: The man looked at the boy with a warm smile. "So don't let another door close today."

Jake: The boy sat there, quiet. He thought about all the times he said, "I'll do it tomorrow."

Jake: For the first time, he saw it clearly. He had thrown away so many chances by waiting.

Jake: From that day, the boy changed completely. When his mother asked him to help, he did it right away.

Jake: When he got homework, he finished it the same day. When he had a chance to learn guitar, he started learning.

Jake: He helped his parents at home. He helped younger kids with their homework.

Jake: Step by step, he became a new person. He was always on time. He was hard-working. And people could trust him.

Jake: After a few years, he got better and better. His teachers were happy with his work.

Jake: His friends wanted to be like him. And his parents were proud of him.

Jake: When people asked him his secret, he always said the same thing.

"Time is the special gift that people have."

Jake: "Every minute you waste is like throwing away gold."

Jake: Doing well and doing badly don't come only from talent or luck. They come from how you use your time.

Jake: Don't wait for tomorrow. Tomorrow might not come.

Jake: The boy never forgot the man's words. He carried that lesson with him every day.

Jake: And you know what? His whole life changed because he learned how to use time.

Jake: So I want to ask you, the listeners. Do you have something you keep waiting to do?

Jake: Is there something you keep saying, "I'll do it tomorrow"?

Jake: Maybe today is the day to start. Maybe this story can help you, just like it helped that boy.

Jake: That's the end of my story. Thank you so much for listening. Leo, Gwen, back to you.

Leo: Wow, Jake. That was... that was a really good story.

Gwen: Thank you so much, Jake. I think many people needed to hear that.

Leo: I definitely needed to hear it! I saw myself in that story.

Gwen: So, let me ask our listeners something. What do you think about this story? Do you see yourself in it?

Leo: We want to hear from you guys. Please leave a comment below and tell us.

Gwen: Yeah. We really want to know.

Leo: Because I think this isn't just one person's problem. Many people do this.

Gwen: You're right. It happens a lot. I do it too sometimes. I think "Oh, I have time" and then suddenly, I don't have time anymore.

Leo: It's scary if you think about it. I remember I wanted to take an online class for a long, long time.

Leo: It was about video editing. And I always said to myself, "I will do it next month. Now I am too busy."

Leo: Guess what happened?

Gwen: You forgot about it?

Leo: Kind of... My friend took that online class first and one year later, he started making money with his new skill!

Leo: And I finally joined the class, but I was one year late. That was like... a door that I almost missed.

Gwen: Woah... You really did almost miss it. For me, it was about my family.

Gwen: I always thought, "I will call my grandfather this weekend. They are always at home." But then I was busy with work and life.

Gwen: Then one day, my grandfather was in the hospital. I was so scared. I went to see him, but he was too tired to speak.

Leo: Oh... Gwen, I didn't know...

Gwen: I realized I wasted all those weekends I could have heard his stories. He is better now, so I try to call him every week.

Leo: That's a really good thing, Gwen. It's a simple thing, but it means so much.

Gwen: Yes, it does. I learned the hard way that "later" is not a promise. Sometimes, "later" becomes "never."

Leo: I mean... That must have been so difficult to realize.

Gwen: It was. Time is the most important thing we have. When it's gone, it's gone forever. We can't get it back.

Gwen: If we lose money, we can make more money. If we lose a thing, we can buy a new thing.

Gwen: But time? Once it's gone, it never comes back.

Leo: And I think the biggest mistake people make is they think they have a lot of time.

Leo: "I'm still young." "I can do it next year." "I have my whole life." You know, that kind of thing.

Gwen: The boy in the story thought the same thing. He was young. He thought he had time.

Gwen: And look what happened. He almost lost everything.

Leo: He was lucky that he met that old man who opened his eyes.

Gwen: Yeah. But not everyone meets a person like him. Some people learn this lesson too late.

Leo: So what should we do? How can we stop wasting time?

Gwen: I think the first step is to understand that time is important. It's not just something that goes by. Every hour, every day matters.

Leo: Hmm... The old man did say every day is a special gift.

Gwen: And when you think of time as a special gift, you don't want to throw it away, right?

Leo: Obviously no! Who wants to throw away a special gift?

Gwen: Uh-huh... And the important message isn't just "don't throw away your time." It's more than that.

Gwen: The key is to "understand that time is important." I want you to think of it like money.

Gwen: If you have \$100, you don't just throw it in the trash. You spend it carefully. Time is the same.

Leo: Okay, I get the money idea. But how do we really start to see time as important, not just know it in our heads?

Gwen: That's a great question. "Don't throw away time" sounds like a rule. Like someone is telling you what to do.

Gwen: And you HATE being told what to do, am I right?

Leo: Hahaha. Who doesn't?

Gwen: Right. But "understand that time is important" is different. It means you see your own importance.

Leo: Oooh! It's like... when you really understand something is important, you take care of it without thinking.

Gwen: Yes! You don't need someone to tell you. You do it because you know it matters.

Leo: So how do we use time well, then?

Gwen: Use it for learning. Use it for working on yourself. Use it for doing things that help you grow. Don't let it go by for nothing.

Gwen: And I think the story shows us something else too. The boy thought he was just leaving small things for later.

Gwen: A little homework here, a little help there. But small things become big things.

Gwen: One day turns into one week. One week turns into one month. Before you know it, a whole year is gone.

Leo: And the doors close. The chances go away. Like the man's friend at the company.

Gwen: He lost people's trust, lost his chances to move up, and finally had to leave.

Leo: That's just so sad. And it all started with just, "I'll do it tomorrow."

Gwen: But hey, it's never too late to change! The boy in the story changed.

Gwen: He started doing things right away, and his whole life got better.

Leo: And all because he learned one simple lesson. Don't wait.

Gwen: So let me ask our listeners again. What are you waiting for? What do you keep saying, "I'll do it later"?

Leo: Is it learning something new? Starting a project? Talking to someone important? Helping your family?

Gwen: Whatever it is, maybe today is the day to start. Not tomorrow. Today.

Leo: Because tomorrow isn't here yet. But today is here, right now, in this moment.

Gwen: And that's really the heart of our talk today.

Leo: So, let's take a moment and look back at what we learned.

Gwen: We learned about waiting too long and what happens when we do it many times.

Leo: We heard a story about a lazy boy who learned to use time well.

Gwen: The big message here is that time is like gold. Each day is a chance. If you lose it, it will not come back.

Leo: So what can our listeners do? Think. Just think about what you wait to do. Think about what you keep for "later."

Gwen: And then make a decision. Start today. Start right now.

Leo: I also want to say something else. This podcast isn't just stories and information.

Leo: It also helps you practice listening to English, learn simple ways to talk about yourself.

Leo: And think about what is really important in life.

Gwen: That's true! You're learning English AND getting life lessons at the same time.

Leo: So, do you guys want us to tell more stories like this? Stories with real lessons?

Gwen: If you do, please leave a comment and let us know!

Leo: We love hearing from you. Your comments help us know what you want to hear.

Gwen: Before we finish, I want to leave you with one more thought.

Leo: You know what, Gwen? Every time we try to end the episode, you or I suddenly have more to say.

Leo: It's like we don't want to stop and leave our listeners.

Gwen: Well, it's true! That shows we enjoy being here with them.

Leo: Haha. Okay, you're right! So, what do you want to share now, Gwen?

Gwen: What I am trying to say is, the best time to start was yesterday. But the second best time is right now.

Gwen: The right time to start was in the past, but if you missed that, you can still start today.

Gwen: Don't wait for the perfect time or perfect day. Just do it right now. As soon as you can.

Leo: And of course, it doesn't have to be perfect, huh?

Gwen: Exactly! Your first sentence in English might have a grammar mistake. But that's okay!

Gwen: That's still 10 times better than a perfect sentence that only stays in your head, and never comes out into the real world.

Leo: Haha. You guys heard what Gwen said! Just do it.

Gwen: Well, thank you so much for listening today, everyone. We are very happy you spent your time with us.

Gwen: And yes, we know time is very special, but... Thank you for listening to us!

Leo: So take care of yourselves, and use your time well.

Gwen: We all don't want to lose the days we have.

Leo: This is Podcast and Chill. I'm Leo

Gwen: And I'm Gwen. Until next time, remember every moment is a special gift. Don't waste it.

Leo: We will see you in the next episode. Peace out.

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