**5) It's Been A While**

**Learn how to use the words a while and since.**

It's been a while since I've ridden my bike

I haven't ridden my bike in a while.

I haven't sunbathed in a while

Now you try!

Talk about things that haven't happened for a long time. Use:

* a while
* since
* It's been a while since

Zack: I haven't relaxed at a resort in a while. It's nice to be here.

**Why Don't We...?**

**In this lesson, you will practice how to talk to people about things you would like to do.**

Vocabulary

get in, get out, work out, get a tan, hot tub, fitness center

get in = You enter the pool. You get in the pool

Remember: You can talk about things that haven't happened in a long time. You say: awhile

* I haven't gone to the fitness center in awhile. I should work out again tomorrow.

You say: since

* She hasn't been in a hot tub since last year. It's been a long time.

You say: It's been awhile since

* It's been awhile since they've visited San Francisco. They should visit again next month.

You can ask your friend to do something together. You can ask in different ways. You want to call your friend tomorrow. You ask:

* **How about** I call you tomorrow?
* **Why don't** I call you tomorrow?

You can ask your friend to do something together, and you can give a reason.

* **How about** we go to the salon tomorrow because I need a haircut?
* **Why don't** we go to the fitness center in the morning because we haven't worked out?
* **Let's go** to the market because we need food for the party.