

**Adam:** Hi, Mr. Herman! I'm writing a story for school about amazing lives. You're really old, so you must have done a lot of cool things!

**Herman:** Well, hello there, young man. Haha, yes, I **1.** \_\_\_\_\_ (live) a long time, and I **2.** \_\_\_\_\_ (see) many wonders in my life.

**Adam:** Wow! Have you ever climbed a volcano?

**Herman:** No, I **3.** \_\_\_\_\_ (not / go) up a volcano, but I **4.** \_\_\_\_\_ (swim) in three different oceans. And I **5.** \_\_\_\_\_ (ride) a camel in Egypt!

**Adam:** That's so cool! My dad **6.** \_\_\_\_\_ (not / buy) a camel, but he has a motorcycle. Have you ever crashed one?

**Herman:** Fortunately, no. I **7.** \_\_\_\_\_ (not / break) any bones in my life. But I **8.** \_\_\_\_\_ (fall) off a horse once or twice!

**Adam:** Did it hurt?

**Herman:** A little, but I **9.** \_\_\_\_\_ (forget) the pain by now. You know, I **10.** \_\_\_\_\_ (meet) presidents and I **11.** \_\_\_\_\_ (shake) hands with famous musicians.

**Adam:** Incredible! Have you ever written a famous song?

**Herman:** No, I **12.** \_\_\_\_\_ (not / write) any songs. I tried to learn the guitar, but I **13.** \_\_\_\_\_ (not / find) the time to practice properly. However, I **14.** \_\_\_\_\_ (hear) the most beautiful operas in Italy.

**Adam:** Italy? I want to go there! I love pizza.

**Herman:** Ah, the food is amazing. I **15.** \_\_\_\_\_ (eat) at some incredible places. But I **16.** \_\_\_\_\_ (not / speak) Italian since 1985, so I **17.** \_\_\_\_\_ (lose) most of my vocabulary!

**Adam:** My teacher says learning languages is important. She **18.** \_\_\_\_\_ (not / give) us any Italian homework yet, thank goodness. What else have you done?

**Herman:** Well, I **19.** \_\_\_\_\_ (build) my own house with my own two hands. And I **20.** \_\_\_\_\_ (grow) giant pumpkins in my garden. But I **21.** \_\_\_\_\_ (not / win) any prizes for them yet.

**Adam:** A house?! That's huge! Have you ever lost your way while traveling?

**Herman:** Many times! But I **22.** \_\_\_\_\_ (not / lose) my sense of adventure. Though, I must admit, I **23.** \_\_\_\_\_ (not / sleep) in a tent for thirty years. My back prefers a real bed now.

**Adam:** Yeah, tents are hard. Well, Mr. Herman, you **24.** \_\_\_\_\_ (tell) me some awesome stories. I **25.** \_\_\_\_\_ (not / choose) a title for my school project yet, but I think I'll call it "The Legend of Herman."

**Herman:** *[Laughs]* I am honored, Adam. I'm glad I **26.** \_\_\_\_\_ (not / keep) all these memories to myself!