The years passed and Abe got older. He still liked his work, but it was hard for him.

Abe wanted to spend more time at home with his family and friends. "Oh, how I would love to have more time with my grandchildren," he thought again and again.
"I could show them how to build different things from wood. I could tell them stories from the days when I was a child."

Abe wanted to have more time for his hobbies, for reading, and for learning. "I work so hard all day. When I come home I'm too tired to read or to learn much. It would be so nice to have time for all these things!"

One day, Abe had a talk[1] with his boss, Mike Sanders.

"Mike," Abe said. "You know I'm not young anymore. I've worked hard all these years and I've done my best for Sanders Building Company.
Now I think it's time for me to stop. I still love this work, but I want to spend more time at home with my wife, my children and my grandchildren.

So, I have decided to retire[2]. I will not build any more houses."

"Retire!" said Mr. Sanders in surprise. "You were a great carpenter and built the best houses for our company for years! It will be hard for us!"

[1] had a talk - היתה לו שיחה
[2] retire - לפרוש, לצאת לפנסיה