

More Practice with “now that”

Remember: **now that** means “because now”

A. If the verb is a present time verb, you can use **now that**.

Keep the same idea and write an adverb clause sentence using “now that”. (Now that + cause)

1. I am in Level 4. I can choose from several Speaking/Listening classes.

2. My mother-in-law can help watch the children. She is living with us now.

3. The weather has been dry for several days. I can cut the grass.

B. If the verb is NOT in a present tense, you may need to change the verb tense or change the verb in order to use “now that.”

Example: Tim moved to Seattle last year. He can see his family heremore often
(past)

NO: Now that Tim moved to Seattle... (WHAT? HE MOVED LAST YEAR?!)

NO: Now that Tim moves to Seattle... (WHAT? HE MOVES – every day?)

NO: Now that Tim is moving to Seattle. (WHAT? HE ALREADY MOVED!?)

YES: Now that Tim has moved to Seattle, he can see his family here more often.

YES: Now that Tim lives in Seattle, he can see his family here more often.

YES: Now that Time is living in Seattle, he can see his family here more often.

Change the following sentences to “now that.” THINK to be sure they make sense.

1. My brother got married last year. He enjoys staying home with his wife.

2. Maria recently got a job at Microsoft. She works many overtime hours every week.

3. Kumiko is doing volunteer work at an afterschool program this quarter. She signed up for the Partners in Service class.
