

Easy English Stories – Episode 15: The Secret Box

Target Level: Step 2 and up

Grammar: Prepositions of place (e.g., *in, on, under, behind, next to, in front of, around*)

Vocabulary: box, rabbit, fox, forest, grass, under, behind, next to, in front of, around, inside, outside

Functions: Describing the location of objects and animals using prepositions of place

INTRODUCTION

C.S.: Hello, boys and girls! Welcome back to Easy English Stories.

Echo: Hello. Are we in the forest today, Captain?

C.S.: Yes, Echo! We are in a forest. It is quiet. And there is... a box.

Echo: A box?

C.S.: Yes! A big, brown box. Where is the box? It is on the grass. We can go around the box. We can look under the box or we can sit next to the box!

Echo: What is in the box?

C.S.: Ah... that's a secret. But we must be quiet... sometimes in the forest, a quiet box is a very good place to...

Echo: To what?

C.S.: Um... Let's listen to the story and find out.

MAIN STORY: The Secret Box

C.S.: A little rabbit finds a big box in the forest.
The rabbit walks around the box.
It looks under the box.

Echo: Under the box.

C.S.: It looks behind the box.

Echo: Behind the box.

C.S.: It stands next to the box.

Echo: Next to the box.

C.S.: Then it smells the box.
"This box is old and dirty. I don't like it," says the rabbit.
The rabbit plays next to the box.
Suddenly, a hungry fox comes into the forest!
The rabbit is scared and runs back.
It jumps into the box and sits quietly inside.

The fox comes to the box.
The fox looks around the box.

Echo: Around the box.

C.S.: The fox smells under the box.

Echo: Under the box.

C.S.: The fox looks behind the box.

Echo: Behind the box.

C.S.: But the fox does not find the rabbit.
The rabbit stays still in the box.
Finally, the fox goes away.
The rabbit jumps out of the box.
"I like this box now!" says the rabbit happily.
And it sits on the box.

Practice

C.S.: Okay, let's repeat together! Loud and proud!

C.S.: The rabbit looks behind the box.

Echo: The rabbit looks behind the box.

C.S.: The rabbit is in the box.

Echo: The rabbit is in the box.

C.S.: The fox is in front of the box.

Echo: The fox is in front of the box.

C.S.: The rabbit jumps out of the box.

Echo: The rabbit jumps out of the box.

C.S.: The rabbit sits on the box.

Echo: The rabbit sits on the box.

Q&A + Fun Fact

C.S.: Alright, joke time! I mean... question time. Ask me anything!

Child 1: Captain Story, why do cats always land on their feet?

C.S.: Uh. The first cat landed on his head and they all learned a lesson.

Child 2: Captain Story, why do we eat 3 times a day?

C.S.: So that we can have snacks 4 times a day. Yummy!

Child 3: Captain Story, Why is a panda black and white?

C.S.: Because its father is a black bear and its mother is a white polar bear and its cousins are zebras, I think

C.S.: And now, a fun fact from Echo!

Echo: Did you know a group of rabbits is called a "fluffle"?

C.S.: A fluffle?! A group of rabbits? Hm! But isn't that a food?

Echo: That's 'falafel'.

C.S.: Oh, thank you for that. Now, boys and girls, thank you for listening. Have a good day and a good night!

Echo: Don't let the fox bite.

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