

Easy English Stories – Episode 22: Kevin and the Gardener

Target Level: Step 4 and up

Grammar: Using the present progressive tense (e.g., standing, digging, and holding)

Vocabulary: bush, hill, slide, swing, missing, packing, playing, putting down, sliding, smiling, sharing, watching, waving

Functions: Describing current actions and physical sensations using the present progressive tense

INTRODUCTION

C.S.: Hello, boys and girls! Welcome to another show. Echo? Where are you?

Echo: Hello, Captain Story. I am hungry.

C.S.: Hello, hungry, I am Captain Story!

Echo: No, really. I am very hungry.

C.S.: Hungry again? Come on! Now... What are you looking for?

Echo: I am looking for a sandwich.

C.S.: All right. I will make you another sandwich after the story. Okay?

Echo: How about three sandwiches?

C.S.: Echo, you're a robot. Why are you always hungry? Now... what are you doing?

Echo: I am printing a picture of a big sandwich.

C.S.: Oh, boy! Let's listen to the story.

MAIN STORY: Kevin and the Gardener

C.S.: Today's story is about a boy who is looking for something.

Echo: Is he looking for his sandwich?

C.S.: No, not a sandwich. It's a beautiful morning. Kevin and his mother are in the park. He is playing with his favorite toy car. It is a red sports car. Vroom, vroom! Kevin is happy.

Kevin's mom is **sitting** on a bench. She is watching Kevin play. The sun is warm.

Kevin sees an old gardener. The gardener is **working** near a flower bed. He is **digging** next to the flowers. Kevin walks over to him.

"Hello," says Kevin. He has two candies in his pocket. He is **holding** one out. "This is for you."

The gardener smiles. "Well, thank you, young man! That's very kind." He takes the candy. Kevin is happy that he is **sharing**.

Kevin runs back to play. He is **pushing** his car fast! Suddenly, the car rolls away. Oh no! It is rolling down a small hill!

The car stops near a big bush. Kevin runs to the bush. He is **looking** for his car. But... he can't see it!

Echo: Is it **missing**?

C.S.: Yes. Kevin is **looking** under the leaves. He is **looking** behind the bush. He is **looking everywhere**. Kevin is feeling very sad now. His car is missing.

Kevin's mom is watching him. "Let's play on the slides," she says, smiling. The children are playing on the playground. Kevin is walking to the big slides. He is **sliding** down. It is fun! But he is still **thinking** about his red car.

Then, Kevin is **swinging** on the swings. Higher and higher! But he is still **thinking** about his red car. It is gone.

Kevin's mom sees the gardener. He is **packing** his tools. He is **walking** to the park exit. The gardener is walking past Kevin. Then, he is putting something down on the ground near Kevin's feet. It is Kevin's red toy car! The gardener is smiling and is walking away.

C.S.: Kevin looks down. His car! He is so surprised! He picks it up. He is so happy he is jumping up and down! He is looking at the gardener, who is now far away. Kevin is waving his hand. The gardener is waving back.

C.S.: Now Kevin is playing with his car again, right there next to the swings. He is very happy to have his car back.

Practice

C.S.: Please repeat after us.

C.S.: He is playing with his car.

Echo: He is playing with his car.

C.S.: The car is rolling down a hill.

Echo: The car is rolling down a hill.

C.S.: His mother is sitting on the bench.

Echo: His mother is sitting on the bench.

C.S.: He is looking for his car.

Echo: He is looking for his sandwich.

C.S.: Echo!

Echo: Sorry, for his car.

C.S.: He is waving his hand.

Echo: He is waving his hand.

Q&A + Fun Fact

C.S.: Now it's question time! Uh... Hello? No questions? Oh, look! We got an email. The children sent us their questions! Wow, so many emails!

Echo: So many questions!

C.S.: Uh... Which one?

Echo: Let's read number 122.

C.S.: Okay. It's from Omid. "Dear Captain Story, Why does my hair stand up when I'm afraid?" Well, my friend, it wants to see what is happening.

C.S.: Okay, next.

Echo: Number 6.

C.S.: Number 6. Alright. This one is from Helia. "Captain Story, which month has 28 days?" Well, every month has 28 days. Next question.

Echo: How about number 1,000?

C.S.: We have 1,000 questions? Okay, here we go. This is from Tara. "Dear Echo," oh, this one is for you. "Which tree is very, very small?"

Echo: The palm tree.

C.S.: The palm tree? Why?

Echo: Because you can hold it in the palm of your hand.

C.S.: Aha, makes sense! Now how about telling us a fun fact?

Echo: The world's biggest sandwich weighed over 2,000 kg!

C.S.: Oh, sandwich again.

Echo: Did you know the club sandwich has three slices of bread?

C.S.: I see that Echo is really hungry, I'd better make her a sandwich. Goodbye, boys and girls.

Echo: Did you know that you can make a sandwich with just fruit and yogurt?