

Easy English Stories – Episode 24: The Moon Looks Like a Banana

Target Level: Step 4 and up

Grammar: Using *look(s) like* to describe appearance (e.g. *It looks like a banana*, *The moon looks like a cup*)

Vocabulary: alarm, blanket, bright, calm, centimeter, drop, earth, embarrassed, excited, handle, imaginative, nosy, plate, proud, quiet, rub, ruin, snail, umbrella, whisper, wink

Functions: Describing appearance with *look like*; making comparisons; naming everyday objects

INTRODUCTION

C.S.: Hello, boys and girls. Welcome to another Easy English Story. Echo, what are you writing?

Echo: I am writing something beautiful.

C.S.: Oh! Can you read it to me?

Echo: Sure. It is night. The clouds are like sleeping sheep. The stars are like yellow sand. The sky is like a big sea. And the moon looks like a big potato.

C.S.: Wait, what... a potato?!

Echo: Yes.

C.S.: The moon is not like a potato!

Echo: It is too.

C.S.: It is not.

Echo: It is when you are hungry.

C.S.: Ah... I give up.

MAIN STORY: The Moon Looks Like a Banana

C.S.: Every night, little Sina looked out the window at the moon. He loved the moon. One night, Sina pointed and said, "Rayan! Look! The moon **looks like** a banana!"

Echo: It **looks like** a banana!

C.S.: His brother didn't look up from his video game. "It **looks like** nothing. It is just the moon. You don't understand."

C.S.: Sina felt a little sad.

C.S.: Another night, Sina said, "Rayan! Look! The moon **looks like** half an orange!"

Echo: It **looks like** half an orange!

C.S.: His brother didn't look up from his book. "It **looks like** nothing. It is just the moon. You don't go to school. You don't understand," he said.

C.S.: And Sina felt small.

C.S.: Another night, Sina said, "Rayan! Look. Tonight the moon **looks like** a big round ball!"

Echo: It **looks like** a big round ball!

C.S.: Rayan didn't look up from his phone. "It **looks like** nothing. It is just a rock in the sky. Now be quiet. I'm playing my game," he said.

C.S.: Sina felt sad. The moonlight touched his face. He looked out the window. His eyes opened wide!

C.S.: "Rayan, Rayan!" he said quietly. "The moon **looks like** a cup!"

C.S.: Rayan opened his mouth. "I told you, it **looks like** —" He stopped. He looked out the window. The moon really **looked like** a cup! A beautiful little cup with a small handle!

C.S.: Rayan dropped his phone. His mouth fell open. Sina smiled. "And now... it **looks like** an umbrella!" he said.

Echo: **Like** an umbrella!

C.S.: Rayan rubbed his eyes.

C.S.: The moon **looked like** a boat. Then a bicycle. Then a baby elephant!

C.S.: Rayan sat down on his bed. He held his head. "Oh, my head," he said. "I 'm sleeping. Good night." Rayan closed his eyes and pulled the blanket over his head.

C.S.: Sina looked out the window one more time. The moon looked like a big bright ball again. Sina smiled. He winked at the moon... And the moon winked back.

Practice:

C.S.: Okay! Now let's practice. Please repeat after us!

C.S.: It looks like a banana.

Echo: It looks like a banana.

C.S.: It looks like half an orange.

Echo: It looks like half an orange.

C.S.: It looks like an umbrella.

Echo: It looks like an umbrella.

C.S.: It looks like a bicycle.

Echo: It looks like a bicycle.

Q&A + Fun Fact

C.S.: And now, it's question time! We have some emails from our listeners.

Echo: This email is from Lily.

C.S.: Let's see. She writes, "Captain Story, why does the moon follow us when we are in the car?" That's a great question, Lily! The moon follows us because it is very nosy! It wants to see where we are going.

C.S.: And this email is from Omar. He asks, "Captain Story, why does the moon sometimes come out during the day?" Well, my friend, the moon comes out during the day because it forgot to set its alarm clock! It woke up late and now it has to stay all day!

C.S.: And our final email is from Sara. She says, "Captain Story, why do we close our eyes when we sleep?" Well, we close our eyes so that the dreams don't get out! If you keep your eyes open, all the good dreams run away.

C.S.: Now Echo, do you have a fun fact for us today?

Echo: Did you know that the moon is moving away from the Earth?

C.S.: Really? It's leaving us?

Echo: Yes! It moves about four centimeters away every year.

C.S.: But that's very slow. So we don't need to say goodbye yet.

Echo: That's right.

C.S.: Well, that's all for today, boys and girls! Look at the moon tonight. What does it look like to you?

Echo: A big potato!

C.S.: Goodbye, everyone!

Echo: Goodbye!

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