

Easy English Stories – Episode 8: Panda Can't Find His Keys

Target Level: Move 1 and Up

Grammar: Using “can” and “can’t” to talk about ability.

Vocabulary: key, jungle, basket, cook, climb, fly, swim

Function: Talking about what people or animals can and can't do

INTRODUCTION

C.S.: Hello, boys and girls! I'm Captain Story, and this is *Easy English Stories!* Hello, Echo!

Echo (robot voice): Hello, Captain Story! I have a question!

C.S.: Go ahead, Echo!

Echo: Can you swim?

C.S.: Sure, I can! I'm Captain Story! I can swim very fast!

Echo: Can you fly?

C.S.: No, I can't fly. Birds can fly.

Echo: I can fly too!

C.S.: No, you can't! Robots can't fly.

Echo: But I can fly. Watch me. One, two, three.... (Crash!)

Echo: Ouch!

C.S.: Oh, Great!

C.S.: Are you alright?

Echo: Yes, sorry!

C.S.: It's okay. Let's listen to today's story!

MAIN STORY: Panda Can't Find His Key

C.S.: Ping is a panda, and he lives in the jungle.
He is very nice. He is very happy.

Echo: Is he fast?

C.S.: No, he isn't. He is very slow because he is very big.
But all the animals like Ping.

C.S.: One day, Ping is walking in the jungle.
He is carrying a big basket for Rabbit. The basket is very heavy.

C.S.: They are in front of Rabbit's house.
Ping gives the basket to Rabbit. He says, "Here you go, Rabbit!"
Rabbit says, "Thank you, Ping!"

C.S.: Then Ping walks back home.
But—Uh oh!—he can't find his house key!

C.S.: Ping is sad. He says, "Oh no! I can't find my key! What can I do?"

C.S.: Monkey comes. Monkey says, "I can climb trees. I can look for your key!"
Monkey is climbing and looking... but he can't find the key.

C.S.: Fish comes. Fish says, "I can swim in the river. I can look for your key!"
Now Fish is swimming and looking... but she can't find the key.

C.S.: Bird comes. Bird says, "I can fly. I can look for your key from the sky!"
Bird is flying and looking... but she can't find the key.

C.S.: Next Turtle comes. Turtle says, "I can walk in the jungle. I can look for your key on the ground!"
Turtle is walking slowly and looking carefully. Finally... she finds the key!

C.S.: Ping is very happy. He says, "Thank you, Turtle! Thank you, everyone!"
Ping says, "Please come to my house! I can cook very, very, very well!"

C.S.: All the animals go to Ping's house.
Ping is cooking. The smell is very good.
They are laughing. They are eating.
They are having fun.

Practice

C.S: Please repeat after us.

C.S: The monkey can climb.
Echo: The monkey can climb.

C.S: The fish can swim.
Echo: The fish can swim.

C.S: The bird can fly.
Echo: The bird can fly.

C.S: They can't find the key
Echo: They can't find the key.

C.S: The turtle can find it.
Echo: The turtle can find it.

CONCLUSION (Q&A + Fun Fact)

C.S.: Now, my good friends, I can answer three questions!

Child 1: Captain Story, what is a starfish?

C.S.: It's a fish that only swims at night!

Child 2: Captain Story, can a horse jump higher than a car?

C.S.: Of course! Because a car can't jump!

Child 3: Captain Story, why do turtles carry their houses?

C.S.: Because the hotels are very expensive!

FUN FACT

C.S.: And now, boys and girls, let's listen to Echo's fun fact!

Echo: Did you know that baby pandas are pink?

C.S.: Really? Pandas are pink when they are babies?

Echo: Yes! And pandas swim very well.

C.S.: Interesting! Thank you, Echo!

Echo: You're welcome!

C.S.: And thank you, boys and girls, for listening to us.
Join us next week for another *Easy English Story*!

Echo: Goodbye!

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