

Easy English Stories – Episode 7: *The Weather Cat*

Target levels: Move 3 and above

Grammar: Future tense with *will* for predictions (e.g., *It will be sunny. Will it rain?*)

Vocabulary: future, magic power, special, embarrassed, prepared, field

Functions: Talking about the weather and making predictions about the future

INTRODUCTION

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

Echo : Hello. Captain Story. Did you know that I can see the future?

C.S.: Oh really? You can see the future? Okay... tell me what will happen!

Echo: You will tell a story.

C.S.: [laughs] Hey, that's easy! Tell me another thing.

Echo: Your cup... will break in three seconds! (Starts counting)

C.S.: My cup? What are you talking about?

[CRASH! Sound of cup breaking]

C.S.: Oh no! That was my other favorite cup! So, you can really see the future... Okay, boys and girls—let's start today's story!

MAIN STORY: The Weather Cat

C.S.: Once upon a time, there was a farm. On this farm, there was a very special cat. The farm animals called him *the* Weather Cat because he could say what the weather would be the next day.

Echo: He could see the future.

C.S.: Yes! Every morning, the animals asked him about the weather.

One morning, the dog came and said, "Weather Cat! What will the weather be tomorrow?"

The cat closed his eyes and said, "Hmm... let me use my magic. Tomorrow... it will be sunny!"

The dog said, "Great! Then I will play outside all day!"

C.S.: The next day, the hen came and asked, "Weather Cat! What will the weather be tomorrow? Will it rain?"

The cat looked at the sky and said, "No, no rain! It will be a little windy!"

The hen said, "Good! Then I will take my chickens outside."

C.S.: Another day, the horse came and asked, "Weather Cat! Will the sun be too hot tomorrow?"

The cat said, "Let me think. No... not too hot, but a little warm!"

The horse said, "Great! Then I will walk in the field all day."

C.S.: And the cat was always right! The animals said, "The Weather Cat is so smart! He really has magic!"

C.S.: But boys and girls... the cat had a secret!

Echo: Oh...I love secrets.

C.S.: Every day, he went into the farmer's house and looked at his newspaper. He saw the picture for tomorrow's weather.

C.S.: One September day, the animals were very happy. They decided to have a big birthday party for the old horse. They made birthday cards, hats, cakes, cookies, and music—everything! It was going to be a very special day!

Echo: A very special day!

C.S.: The animals came to the Weather Cat and said, "Weather Cat, what will the weather be tomorrow? Please be very careful. Tomorrow is a very special day!"

C.S.: The cat told them, "Please wait. I will go, use my magic power and then I will come and tell you."

C.S.: The animals sat down and waited. The cat went into the farmer's house. The newspaper was on the table. He looked at the weather page. He saw a picture of the yellow sun and no clouds.

C.S.: But my boys and girls... he didn't know. The newspaper was old! The weather report was not for tomorrow—it was for yesterday!

C.S.: He came back to the animals and said, "My friends, you will have a very good day. Tomorrow, the weather will be sunny and there won't be a cloud in the sky."

C.S.: The animals were very happy. They said, "Thank you Weather Cat!"

C.S.: The next day, they started to work early in the morning. When everything was ready and the horse arrived... suddenly, the weather turned bad!

C.S.: First, the wind blew everything away! Banners and hats flew in the air. Birthday cards flew everywhere!

C.S.: Next, it started to rain. The cake was wet! The **biscuits** were wet! The cupcakes were wet! Everything sounded *like* (squelch), or (squelch), or even, (squelch)!

C.S.: The animals couldn't believe it—but then snow started to fall! Brrr! Everyone was cold! The chickens jumped in the snow. The cows slipped on ice and fell down.

C.S.: The animals were angry. They said, "Weather Cat! You told us it would be sunny today! We prepared a party! Now everything is a mess!"

C.S.: The Weather Cat felt embarrassed. He told them the truth. "I don't have magic powers. I look at the newspaper every day. But... I think the newspaper was old! It was for two days ago!"

C.S.: The animals were surprised... but then they started laughing. "It's okay," said the old horse. "We had fun anyway!"

C.S.: The animals cleaned everything. They laughed and played. Even when the weather is bad, The farm animals know how to have fun.

PRACTICE

C.S.: Now, let's practice. Repeat after us!

C.S.: What will the weather be tomorrow?

Echo: What will the weather be tomorrow?

C.S.: Will it rain?

Echo: Will it rain?

C.S.: It will be sunny.

Echo: It will be sunny.

C.S.: I will play all day tomorrow.

Echo: I will play all day tomorrow.

C.S.: I will walk all day tomorrow.

Echo: I will walk all day tomorrow.

CONCLUSION (Q&A + Fun Fact)

C.S.: I hope you enjoyed the story! Now, it's time for your questions!

Child 1: Captain Story, do chickens get chicken pox?

C.S.: No, they don't. Chickens get... people's pox!

Child 2: Captain Story, are carrots good for my eyes?

C.S.: Of course they are! Have you ever seen a rabbit with glasses? No!

Child 3: Captain Story, what should I do if I see a lion?

C.S.: Well... you should wish that the lion doesn't see you!

C.S.: Now, boys and girls, it's time for a fun fact by Echo!

Echo: Did you know that the fastest wind ever recorded on Earth was 400 kilometers per hour!

C.S.: Wow! That's super-fast! Imagine flying a kite in that wind! Now, echo can you look into the future and tell me what you see again?

Echo: Yes, let me see... aha ... there will be a lion in the studio in ten seconds! (Starts counting)

C.S.: Very good. What! A lion!? Goodbye boys and girls

[Footsteps running, music rising]

Echo: Hahaha! I was joking! There will be no lion.

Echo: Goodbye, boys and girls! See you next time!

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