

Easy English Stories – Episode 4: The Dirty Cat

Target: Move 1

Grammar: Adverbs of frequency (always, usually, often, sometimes, never); simple present tense for habits and routines.

Vocabulary: Daily activities (play, run, roll, hide, wash, clean), household places (kitchen, living room, bathroom, yard, stairs), descriptive words (dirty, clean, soft, fluffy, shiny), pets (cat).

Functions: Talking about habits, describing repeated actions, expressing likes/dislikes about activities, following a short narrative story with humor.

INTRODUCTION

[Intro music]

C.S.: Hello, boys and girls! Welcome to Easy English Stories! This is my podcast!

Echo: Our podcast. You always make mistakes.

C.S.: Er... our podcast, No. I never make mistakes, Echo. Let's start!

Echo: Captain Story? One question.

C.S.: Yes?

Echo: Do you always wear pajamas for the podcast?

C.S.: (Laughing) No, Echo! I never wear pajamas! That is silly!

Echo: What are you wearing now?

C.S.: I am wearing... pajamas. Oh! I'm wearing pajamas! I forgot to change! Excuse me, boys and girls, I'll be right back!

(Sound of a chair moving quickly and feet running away. Then, silly "chase" music plays for 15 seconds and fades out.)

C.S.: (A little out of breath) Hello again, boys and girls! I am Captain Story. And I am not wearing pajamas.

Echo: Confirm. No pajamas.

C.S.: I am wearing a yellow T-shirt, blue jeans, and blue shoes. Now, let's start the story!

🎵 [Happy music plays softly for a few seconds.]

MAIN STORY: The Dirty Cat

C.S.: This is the story of a cat. His name is Mr. Whiskers.

Mr. Whiskers is **always** dirty.

He never likes water.

He never likes soap or shampoo.

He never likes taking a bath.

He **often** plays in the garden.

Echo: Often.

He **usually** rolls in the grass.

Echo: Usually.

He **sometimes** hides under the car.

Echo: Sometimes.

And he **always** comes back dirty.

Echo: Always.

The children in the house love him.

But every day they say:

"Oh no! Mr. Whiskers, you are dirty again!"

They try to clean him. They run after him.

The cat runs fast.

He runs through the living room.

He runs through the kitchen.

He runs up the stairs.

He **always** runs away.

Echo: Always.

The children shout:

"Come back, Mr. Whiskers!"

One Saturday, it is raining.
The children are playing soccer in the yard.
Mr. Whiskers runs after the ball. He loves to play.

The children laugh, but then they see his fur.
“Oh no! Mr. Whiskers, you are dirty again!”

Mr. Whiskers is white, but now he is brown.
He even has a leaf on his head!

The children say:
“Let’s wash him today.”

They run after him.
Mr. Whiskers runs fast.

He runs through the kitchen—
Crash! A cup falls.

He runs through the living room—
Boom! A flower pot falls.

He runs up the stairs—
☞ (Sound of running upstairs)

The children follow.
“Come back, Mr. Whiskers!” they say.

Mr. Whiskers turns left.
He turns right.
He runs and runs.
This room, that room...

But suddenly—oops!—he goes into the bathroom.
He slips—
☞ (Splash!)
He falls into the bathtub, full of water!

The children laugh and laugh.
They wash Mr. Whiskers.
“Ha ha! Mr. Whiskers, you are finally clean!”

At first, Mr. Whiskers is angry.
He shakes his body.
He never wanted water.

But... oh! He feels good.
The warm water is nice.
The soap smells good.
His fur feels soft.

He thinks:
"Hmm... this is not so bad."

He looks in the mirror.
He is shiny and fluffy!
And he feels happy.

From that day, Mr. Whiskers **sometimes** lets the children wash him.
Not always.

Echo: Always.

Not often.

Echo: Often.

But sometimes.

Echo: Sometimes.

He is still **usually** dirty.

Echo: Usually.

PRACTICE

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

C.S.: He is always dirty.

Echo: He is always dirty.

C.S.: He often plays in the garden.

Echo: He often plays in the garden.

C.S.: He usually rolls in the grass.

Echo: He usually rolls in the grass.

C.S.: He sometimes hides under the car.

Echo: He sometimes hides under the car.

CONCLUSION (Q&A + Fun Fact + Outro)

Child 1: Captain Story? Why do we yawn? (Yawning sound)

C.S.: Because your mouth wants to see outside.

Child 2: Captain Story? Why do birds know where to migrate?

C.S.: Migrate means to travel to another country. And birds... use Google Maps. Premium. One account, and they share it.

Child 3: Why do flamingos stand on one leg?

C.S.: Because they're charging the other leg.

C.S.: And now, my good friends, let's hear a fun fact from Echo.

Echo: Did you know a snail can sleep for three years without waking up?

C.S.: Really? A snail can sleep for three years? I wish I were a snail. Thank you, Echo.

C.S.: And now, boys and girls, go and read some books. We will see you in the next episode.

Echo: Goodbye!

[Ending song]

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