

Easy English Stories – Episode 38: The Noisy Neighbor

Target Level: Move 4 and up

Grammar: Adverbs ending in -ly (e.g., loudly, quietly, slowly, softly, happily, sadly)

Vocabulary: neighbor, upstairs, furniture, snore, daytime, loudly, quietly, softly, slowly

Functions: Describing how actions are done

INTRODUCTION

C.S.: Hello, boys and girls! Welcome to Easy English Stories!

Echo: Captain Story, I found a volume button.

C.S.: A volume button? Where?

Echo: On my side. I can laugh loudly. Or I can laugh very loudly.

C.S.: Those are the only options?

Echo: Yes. Quiet is broken.

C.S.: Aha, so that's why you laughed so loudly in the movie theater last night.

Echo: Yes. It was set to very loud.

C.S.: I'm not happy they threw us out. I really wanted to see what happened in the end.

Echo: But the air was very fresh.

C.S.: Yes, it was. Anyway, today's story is about someone with the same problem. Let's listen!

MAIN STORY: The Field Trip

C.S.: Sam was a little boy. He lived in a small apartment.

One day, a new neighbor moved in upstairs.

Sam didn't see him. But he heard him.

The new neighbor did everything **loudly**.

He walked **loudly** up the stairs.

He dropped things **loudly**.

He closed doors **loudly**.

At night, he moved the furniture **loudly**.

And he even slept **loudly**. His snoring sounded like a train.

Echo: He did Everything **loudly**!

C.S.: Sam was tired. "I just want to sleep **quietly**," he said.

One day, Sam went upstairs. He knocked **softly**.

The door opened **slowly**. The new neighbor stood there. He was a lion!

Echo: He was a lion?

C.S.: Yes, he was. "Hello, little boy," the lion said **loudly**. "Why do you look so tired?"

"I'm sorry but You are very loud," Sam said **quietly**.

The lion looked sad. He sat down **slowly**. "I am a lion," he said. "Lions are always loud."

Sam thought. "Can you be loud during the day? And **quiet** at night?"

The lion thought. He smiled **happily**. "I can try."

That night, the lion walked quietly. He didn't drop anything. He didn't move furniture. He didn't close doors loudly. But he still snored loudly.

It was better. Much better.

Sam closed his eyes. He slept well.

In the daytime the lion moved around loudly. But only in daytime.

Sam smiled. "He is learning **slowly**," he said.

Echo: He is learning slowly.

PRACTICE

C.S.: Let's practice! Please repeat after us.

C.S.: Singing loudly.

Echo: Singing loudly.

C.S.: Walking slowly.

Echo: Walking slowly.

C.S.: Sleeping quietly.

Echo: Sleeping quietly.

C.S.: Smiling happily.

Echo: Smiling happily.

Q&A + Fun Fact

C.S.: Now it's time for your emails! Let's see what you sent us.

Our first email is from Ronia. She asks: "Captain Story, why do cows eat grass?"

Because they don't know how to use a lawnmower, Ronia.

C.S.: Our next email is from Ben. He asks: "Captain Story, why do cats sleep so much?"

They are saving their energy for the next nap, Ben.

C.S.: And our third email is from Negar. She asks: "Captain Story, why don't ostriches fly?"

Well, that because they don't let ostriches on board the plane, Negar.

C.S.: Echo, do you have a fun fact?

Echo: Yes! Did you know that a lion's roar can be heard from 8 kilometers away?

C.S.: Eight kilometers?!

Echo: Yes! They are really loud.

C.S.: Good luck, Sam. You are going to need it. And goodbye, boys and girls! See you next week for another story!

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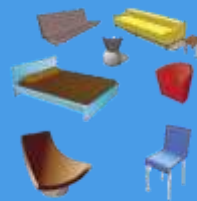
WORDS FROM THE STORY

daytime

the time of day when it is light outside

furniture

things like tables, chairs, and beds that you put in a room



lawnmower

a machine you push or ride to cut grass



snore

to make a loud noise when you sleep



upstairs

on the higher floor of a building

