

Easy English Stories – Episode 30: Officer Green and the Naughty Monkey

Target Level: **Move 1 and up**

Grammar: *There is/There are* for talking about things existing in a place (e.g., *There is a monkey*), present continuous (e.g. *He is running, They are climbing*).

Vocabulary: bank, climbing, gently, hospital, making, museum, patient, police officer, punctual, running, uniform, wearing

Functions: Describing what is happening now; reporting events

INTRODUCTION

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

Echo: Captain Story, look! I have a police cap!

C.S.: A police cap? Where did you get that?

Echo: I made it. I am "Officer Echo." I am ready to catch bad guys.

C.S.: Echo, there aren't any bad guys here.

Echo: It is because Officer Echo is here.

C.S.: Well, Officer Echo, there is a problem somewhere else.

Echo: Where?

C.S.: There is a monkey missing from the zoo!

Echo: I am ready!

C.S.: Then let's listen to today's story!

MAIN STORY: Officer Green and the Naughty Monkey

C.S.: Mr. Green is a police officer. He works in a small town. He likes his job. One morning, Officer Green is sitting at his desk. He is drinking coffee. He is using the computer.

Then, the phone rings.

Officer Green picks up the phone.

"Hello. Officer Green speaking."

A voice shouts, "Officer Green! This is the zookeeper! **There is a monkey on the main street!** He **is running** after the cars!"

Echo: **There is a monkey on the street!**

C.S.: Officer Green picks up his radio.

"All units! **There is a monkey on the main street!** He **is running** after the cars! Please go there now!"

The police go there. But **there is no monkey**. He is very fast.

Then, the phone rings again.

A man is on the phone. He works at the bank.

"Officer Green! **There is a monkey in the bank!** He **is making** paper airplanes with the money! There are paper airplanes everywhere."

Echo: **There are paper airplanes everywhere.**

C.S.: Officer Green picks up his radio.

"All units! The monkey is in the bank! He **is making** paper airplanes! Please go there now!"

The police go there. But there is no monkey. He is very fast.

The phone rings.

A teacher is on the phone. She is at school.

"Officer Green! **There is a monkey in the school!**"

"What **is he doing**?" asks Officer Green.

"He **is not doing** anything!" says the teacher.

"Then what's the problem?" asks Officer Green.

"The children!" says the teacher. "They **are making** monkey sounds! They **are climbing** the walls! The monkey **is just watching**!"

Officer Green picks up his radio.

"All units! The monkey is in the school! The children **are climbing** the walls! Please... go there now!

The police go there. But there is no monkey. He is very fast.

The phone rings again.

A doctor is on the phone. She works at the hospital.

"Officer Green! **There is a monkey in the hospital!** He **is wearing** a doctor's uniform! He **is checking** a patient!"

Echo: **There is a monkey in the hospital!**

C.S.: Officer Green picks up his radio.

"All units! The monkey is in the hospital! He **is being** a doctor! Please go there... gently!"

C.S.: The police go to the hospital. But...

Echo: There is no monkey.

C.S.: Then, the phone rings one more time.

It is the zookeeper again.

"Officer Green! I have some good news! The monkey is back at the zoo."

"Really?" says Officer Green.

"Yes," says the zookeeper. "He **is eating bananas** in his cage. He is very tired."

Officer Green is happy. "So everything is okay now?" he says.

"Well," says the zookeeper. "I have a little bad news, too. The monkey opened the elephant cage."

Officer Green's eyes get big. "He opened the elephant cage?"

"Yes," says the zookeeper. "And now **there are ten elephants on the main street!** They **are running after the cars!**"

PRACTICE

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

C.S.: There is a monkey on the street.

Echo: There is a monkey on the street.

C.S.: He is running after the cars.

Echo: He is running after the cars.

C.S.: There is a monkey in the school.

Echo: There is a monkey in the school.

C.S.: The monkey isn't there.

Echo: The monkey isn't there.

C.S.: He is eating bananas.

Echo: He is eating bananas.

C.S.: The elephants are running after the cars.

Echo: The elephants are running after the cars.

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 Sina. He writes, "Captain Story, why do hummingbirds hum?"

Well... because they don't know the words, Sina!

Our next email is from Samaneh. She asks, "Captain Story, why does my parrot always sit on the clock?"

Don't worry about it, Samaneh. He just wants to be on time!

Echo: In English, that is called punctual.

C.S.: Yes. And our last email is from Arjun in India. He writes, "Captain Story, there are many elephants near our village. I am afraid of them..." A case of elephobia, Echo!

Echo: Yes.

C.S.: ..."How do I know if there is an elephant under my bed?"

Well Arjun, it's easy. Your nose will touch the ceiling!

Echo, do you have a fun fact?

Echo: Yes! Did you know that elephants can hear with their feet? They feel sounds through the ground!

C.S.: Wow, that's weird! Well, boys and girls. This is the end of today's podcast. See you next week for another story.

Echo: Goodbye! And watch out for elephants under your bed!

C.S.: Officer Echo!

Echo: Sorry.

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WORDS FROM THE STORY

gently

in a soft and kind way; not hard or rough; without rushing

patient

a person who is sick and sees a doctor, often at the hospital

punctual

arriving on time; not late



uniform

special clothes that all people in a job wear



police officer

a person whose job is to stop crime and help people