

Easy English Stories – Episode 28: The Boy Who Doesn't Like Mornings

Target Level: Move 3 and up

Grammar: Don't / doesn't for negative statements (e.g., *I don't like mornings. He doesn't want to wake up.*)

Vocabulary: backpack, shining, heavy, average person, alarm clock, pillow, school, sleepy, toothbrush, uniform, breakfast, shoes, sit up

Functions: Expressing negative habits and preferences

INTRODUCTION

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

Echo: (very sleepy voice) Hello, Captain Storrrrrrrrrrry.

C.S.: Echo, why do you sound like that? Are you okay?

Echo: Yes. I just don't want to be awake. It's morrrrrning.

C.S.: But mornings are wonderful! The sun is shining. The birds are singing.

Echo: I don't like the sun, I don't like the birds, and I don't like mornings.

C.S.: Echo, that's a lot of things you don't like.

Echo: Wait, I'm not finished. I also don't like the alarm clock, I don't like cold water, and I don't like the color orange before 10 a.m.

C.S.: The color orange?

Echo: Yes. It's too happy. I like blue.

C.S.: Echo, orange is just a color.

Echo: It's not good before 10 a.m.

C.S.: Well, today's story is about a boy who really, REALLY doesn't like mornings.

Echo: Oh, I like this story very much.

C.S.: Let's begin!

MAIN STORY: The Boy Who Doesn't Like Mornings

C.S.: Oliver is a nice boy. He likes soccer, he likes books and he likes chocolate cake.

Echo: I like chocolate cake, too.

C.S.: But Oliver doesn't like mornings.

Every morning, his alarm clock goes BEEP! BEEP! BEEP!

Oliver puts his pillow over his head.

"I don't like this sound," he says.

His mother opens the door.

"Oliver, wake up!" she says.

"I don't like waking up," says Oliver.

He walks to the bathroom.

He looks at his toothbrush.

"I don't like brushing my teeth."

He looks at his school uniform.

"I don't like uniforms."

He looks at his breakfast.

"I don't like breakfast."

He looks at his shoes.

"I don't like wearing shoes."

Echo: Wow. He doesn't like anything.

C.S.: Oliver walks to the bus stop. He looks sad. His backpack feels heavy.

A boy sits next to him. His name is Tim.

"You don't look happy," Tim says.

"I don't like mornings," says Oliver.

Tim smiles. "I don't like mornings, either."

Oliver looks up. "Really?" he asks.

"Yes," Tim says. "I don't like waking up, I don't like wearing my uniform, and I don't like waiting for the bus."

Oliver sits up. "I don't like waiting for the bus, either!"

They talk about all the things they don't like.

"I don't like loud noises," says Tim.

"I don't like brushing my hair," says Oliver.

"I don't like it when my socks get wet," says Tim.

Oliver laughs. It is his first laugh of the day.

The bus comes. They sit together.

The next morning, Oliver wakes up. The alarm goes BEEP! BEEP! BEEP!

He starts to feel sad. Then he remembers Tim.

He gets out of the bed. He brushes his teeth. He puts on his uniform.

At the bus stop, he sees Tim.

"Good morning," Tim says.

"I don't like mornings," Oliver says.

"I don't like mornings, either," says Tim.

They smile. They get on the bus together.

Oliver still doesn't like mornings. But between us, he likes them a little more these days. And that helps.

Echo: Maybe they need a third friend at the bus stop.

C.S.: Maybe.

PRACTICE

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

C.S.: I don't like mornings.

Echo: I don't like mornings.

C.S.: He doesn't like the school bus.

Echo: He doesn't like the school bus.

C.S.: He doesn't like his school uniform.

Echo: He doesn't like his school uniform.

C.S.: He doesn't like wearing shoes.

Echo: He doesn't like wearing shoes.

C.S.: They don't like mornings.

Echo: They don't like mornings.

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 Amin. He asks, "Captain Story, why do birds sing in the morning?"

Good question, Amin! Birds sing in the morning because they don't go to work!

Our next email is from Erfan. He writes, "Captain Story, why is Echo not a morning person?" Why are you not a morning person, Echo?

Echo: I would be a morning person if morning started at around 1 p.m.

C.S.: OK. And our last email is from Hana. She asks, "Captain Story, why don't little brothers have alarm clocks?"

Hana, little brothers don't need alarms. They don't wake up. They wake YOU up.

Echo, do you have a fun fact?

Echo: Yes! Did you know that the average person spends about 26 years sleeping?

C.S.: Twenty-six years!

Echo: Yes.

C.S.: Wow! That's like a full-time job. Well, boys and girls, our time is up. See you next week with another story.

Echo: Goodbye!

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WORDS FROM THE STORY

alarm clock

a clock that makes a sound (like a ring or beep)
to wake you up at a certain time



average person

a normal person; someone not very different from other people

backpack

a bag that you wear on your back, used to carry books or lunch to school

heavy

something that weighs a lot and is hard to lift or carry



shining

giving out or reflecting bright light, like the sun or a clean mirror

sit up

to sit with your back straight

