

Easy English Stories – Episode 31: The Toymaker's New Helper

Target Level: Step 2 and up

Grammar: Simple adjectives (e.g., big, small, tall, short, etc.)

Vocabulary: noisy, quiet, shelf, short, small, strong, tall, too, slow, toy shop, weak, young

Functions: Describing people and things with simple adjectives

INTRODUCTION

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

Echo: Captain Story, look. I made a small car.

C.S.: Wow. You made a toy car!?

Echo: Yes. It is small and slow.

C.S.: Why is it slow?

Echo: It has no wheels. Wheels are hard to make.

C.S.: I see. Do you want to hear a story about toys?

Echo: Yes.

C.S.: This story is about a man who makes toys. His name is Mr. Finn. He is very good at it.

Echo: Let's listen!

MAIN STORY: The Toymaker's New Helper

Old Mr. Finn makes toys. He has a toy shop. He is **old** and his hands are **weak**. The toy shop is closed.

One day, Mr. Finn puts up a sign on his door.

Echo: What is on the sign?

C.S.: It says, "HELP WANTED." A **tall** boy comes.

Echo: A tall boy.

C.S.: "I can help!" He bumps his head on the door. "Ouch. Sorry," he says. He bumps his head on the ceiling. He is too **tall** for the **small** toy shop.

A **very young** girl comes.

Echo: A **very young** girl.

C.S.: "I can help!" But she can't reach the shelf. She is too **short**. Next, a **strong** man comes.

Echo: A **strong** man.

C.S.: "I can help!" He picks up a **big** box. Then he breaks a toy. He is too **strong**. Next, a **noisy** child comes.

Echo: A **noisy** child.

C.S.: "I CAN HELP!" he shouts. The toymaker is scared. He is too **noisy**. Next, a **quiet** girl comes.

Echo: A **quiet** girl.

C.S.: She sits down. She picks up a **dirty** toy. She makes it **clean**. She fixes an **old** doll. She paints a **happy** face. She works all day.

Mr. Finn is **happy**. He gives her some **hot** chocolate. "You are my new helper," he says.

She smiles a **big** smile. The toy shop is open again. All the toys are **happy**.

PRACTICE

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

C.S.: Mr. Finn is old.

Echo: Mr. Finn is old.

C.S.: The man is strong.

Echo: The man is strong.

C.S.: The girl is quiet.

Echo: The girl is quiet.

C.S.: The child is noisy.

Echo: The child is noisy.

C.S.: Mr. Finn is happy.

Echo: Mr. Finn is happy.

Q&A + Fun Fact

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

Our first email is from Rosa. She asks, "Captain Story, are toys better or video games?"

What? You mean they still make toys?

Our next email is from Hassan. He writes, "Captain Story, which one is better? Puzzles or video games?"

Well, Hassan, puzzles help your brain. And video games... help video game companies.

Echo: We have a voice message from Lily.

C.S.: Please play it.

Lily: Captain Story, which one is better? A teddy bear or a video game?

C.S.: A teddy bear, of course. Lily! You can't hug a video game in your bed.

Echo, do you have a fun fact?

Echo: Yes! Did you know that the most popular toy in the world is the doll? More dolls are sold than any other toy!

C.S.: Wow! More than toy cars? More than teddy bears?

Echo: Yes! Dolls are number one!

C.S.: Thank you very much for your fun fact. Well, boys and girls! This is the end of our show. See you next week for another story!

Echo: Goodbye!

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WORDS FROM THE STORY

helper

a person who gives help to others

noisy

making a lot of loud sounds

shelf

a flat board on a wall where you put things



too

more than what is good or needed

weak

not strong; having little power or energy