

Easy English Stories – Episode 19: *The Strongest in the World*

Target Level: Move 3 and up

Grammar: using superlative adjectives (strongest, weakest) as the main focus, with brief exposure to comparative forms (stronger, weaker); comparing people and things

Vocabulary: strong, weak, fast, slow, rich, cheap, comfortable

Functions: comparing people and things; asking and answering about strengths and qualities; describing something as the best, worst, strongest, or weakest in a group

INTRODUCTION

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

Echo: Hello!

C.S.: What are you looking at, Echo?

Echo: Captain Story, look at this car. It is the fastest car in the world.

C.S.: The fastest car in the world? Cool. I think it is the most expensive car in the world, too.

Echo: I am not sure.

C.S.: Yeah, look at its price. That's a lot of 0's.

Echo: How about your car?

C.S.: My car? It is the slowest, and the cheapest car in the world.

Echo: Really?

C.S.: Yeah, but it is also the most comfortable.

Echo: Remember when you hit a tree with your car?

C.S.: Eh. Let's listen to the story, Echo.

MAIN STORY: The Strongest in the World

C.S.: Once upon a time, there was a little mouse who lived on a farm.
The little mouse was always hungry.

Echo: Like you.

C.S.: Um, well. One day the mouse went to the sheepdog and asked, “Are you the strongest animal on the farm?”

Echo: The strongest animal.

C.S.: The sheepdog answered, “No, the farmer is stronger than me. I have to do everything that he says.”

Echo: The farmer is stronger than me.

C.S.: So the mouse went to the farmer and asked, “Are you the strongest person on the farm?”

The farmer answered, “No, I am the weakest!”

Echo: I’m the weakest.

C.S.: “The sun is the strongest thing in the world. If the sun doesn’t shine, my farm will die. Hey, wait a minute! What are you doing on my farm?”

The mouse ran away. He ran to the sun and asked, “Are you the strongest thing in the world?”

The sun smiled and said, “No, the cloud is stronger than me. I cannot shine when the cloud comes into the sky.”

The mouse asked the cloud, “Are you the strongest thing in the world?”

The cloud laughed. “No, I am not the strongest. I am the weakest.”

Echo: I am the weakest.

C.S.: “The wind is the strongest. It can easily move me around.”

The mouse went to the wind and said, “OK, you can move the cloud, so you are the strongest thing in the world.”

The wind said, “No. I can move many things, but the mountain is stronger than me. I can never move the mountain.”

The mouse climbed the mountain and asked, "Are you the strongest thing in the world?"

The mountain said, "Of course not! The seed is stronger than me."

Echo: The seed is stronger than me.

C.S.: "The seed can break my rocks and come out of the ground."

The mouse was very tired by now. He went to the seed and asked, "Did you know that you are the strongest thing in the world?"

The seed said, "Are you joking? You are stronger than me! Mice always eat the seeds."

The hungry mouse thought about that. "You are right," he said. And he ate the seed.

After that, he made a page on the Internet. It was called "The Strongest in the World." Now he has millions of followers.

Echo: Oh! Is he rich?

C.S.: He is the richest mouse in the world.

PRACTICE

C.S.: Okay listeners, please repeat the sentences after us!

C.S.: The mouse is the strongest.

Echo: The mouse is the strongest.

C.S.: I am the weakest.

Echo: I am the weakest.

C.S.: The cloud is stronger than the sun.

Echo: The cloud is stronger than the sun.

C.S.: The sun is weaker than the cloud.

Echo: The sun is weaker than the cloud

C.S.: He is the richest mouse in the world.

Echo: He is the richest mouse in the world.

Q&A + Fun Fact

C.S.: Ok, boys and girls. What are your questions today?

Child 1: Captain Story, which animal is faster than a cheetah?

C.S.: Uh... another cheetah who is late for work.

Child 2: Captain Story, why is snow white but rain doesn't have any color?

C.S.: That's easy. Because rain comes from water and snow comes from milk.

Child 3: Captain Story, why should I brush my teeth?

C.S.: So that you don't brush your dentures later.

C.S.: Thank you, everyone. Now, Echo. What is your fun fact today?

Echo: Mice cannot see the colors red or green. So a red apple and green grass look like the same color to them.

C.S.: Wow, I didn't know that. Thank you. Now, boys and girls, it is time to say goodbye. See you next week.

Echo: Goodbye.

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