

Easy English Stories – Episode 40: The Lost Package

Target Level: Move 3 and up

Grammar: Places in town

Vocabulary: package, delivery man, label, torn, bakery, bus station, hospital, restaurant, library, drugstore, supermarket, post office, airport, hotel, department store, fire station, police station, train station, clerk, manager

Functions: Asking and answering questions about places; identifying locations

INTRODUCTION

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

Echo: Captain Story, why do so many places end with "station"?

C.S.: Station?

Echo: Yes. Bus station. Police station. Fire station.

C.S.: Because they do a job. A bus station sends buses. A police station sends the police. A fire station sends fires.

Echo: What?

C.S.: Wait, no. They stop fires.

Echo: Then I want an Echo station. Where is the Echo station?

C.S.: There is no Echo station.

Echo: Fine. Then a cookie station. Where is the cookie station?

C.S.: Echo, we need to do the story.

Echo: Does the story have a cookie station?

C.S.: No. It has a bakery. That's close.

Echo: Bakery! OK. Let's listen.

MAIN STORY: The Lost Package

C.S.: A delivery man had one package. A big box. But the label on the box was torn. He could only see the letter B.

So he went to the **bakery**.

"Is this your package?" he asked.

"No," said the baker. "But try the **bus station**. Everyone goes there."

He went to the **bus station**.

"Is this your package?" he asked the bus driver.

"No," said the bus driver. "But try the **hospital**. They get many packages."

He went to the **hospital**.

"Is this your package?" he asked.

"No," said the doctor. "Try the **restaurant**. They get boxes every morning."

So he went to the **restaurant**.

"Is this your package?" he asked.

"No," said the waiter. "Try the **library**. They know everything."

He went to the **library**.

"Is this your—"

"SHHHH!" said the librarian. "Try the **supermarket**. Everyone shops there."

He went to the **supermarket**.

"No," said the manager. "Try the **post office**. They send everything to everyone. "

He went to the **post office**.

He asked the clerk, "Is this your package?"

"No," said the clerk. "Try the **airport**. It's near here."

He went to the **airport**.

"No," said the pilot. "Why don't you try the **hotel**? All the visitors stay there."

And he went to the **hotel**.

"No," said the clerk. "This is not our package. But try the **department store**. Everyone buys things there."

He went to the **department store**.

"No," said the worker.

He even went to the **fire station** and the **police station**. But nobody knew the box.

Echo: So many places! No package!

C.S.: The delivery man went to the **train station**. It was very big. All the people in the city went there.

He sat on a bench. He was very tired.

Then an old woman walked by. She looked at the box.

"That looks like my grandson's birthday cake," she said.

The delivery man read the label. "B... for... Birthday cake?"

They opened the box. Inside, there was a small white cake with a pink flower on it.

"Let's deliver this together," said the delivery man.

They took the cake to the **restaurant**. The grandson was waiting.

"Happy birthday!" everyone shouted.

"Please stay," said the old woman. "We have cake and milkshake."

The delivery man smiled. It was the best delivery ever.

PRACTICE

C.S.: Now, please repeat after us!

C.S.: bakery, bus station, hospital

Echo: bakery, bus station, hospital

C.S.: restaurant, library, supermarket

Echo: restaurant, library, supermarket

C.S.: post office, airport, hotel

Echo: post office, airport, hotel

C.S.: department store, fire station, police station

Echo: department store, fire station, police station

C.S.: train station

Echo: train station

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 Niko. He asks, "Captain Story, who can I count on in my class?"

Your fingers, Niko. Or your calculator.

Our next question is from Sara. She asks, "Captain Story, at what time is the traffic the heaviest in the city?"

Well, when you are in a hurry, Sara. Always when you are in a hurry.

And our last question is from Sahar. She asks, "Captain Story, my mom says if I eat carrots, it is good for my eyes. What happens if I don't eat carrots?"

It's good for the carrots, Sahar.

Echo, do you have a fun fact?

Echo: Yes! Did you know that the oldest restaurant in the world is in Paris, the oldest hotel is in Japan, and the oldest library is in Egypt?

C.S.: And the best storytelling podcast in the world is?

Echo: I don't know.

C.S.: Our podcast! You should say our podcast!

Echo: I'm hungry. Let's see what's in the kitchen.

C.S.: Ah... goodbye, boys and girls!

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WORDS FROM THE STORY

clerk

a person who works in a shop, an office, or a hotel, helping customers or doing office work



label

a small piece of paper or plastic on something that tells you what it is



manager

the person who is in charge of a shop, team, or group of people

package

a box or parcel with things inside that is sent or given to someone



stay

to live in a place for a short time, like in a hotel

torn

damaged with a hole or split; not smooth anymore