

Episode 27: The Amusement Park Plan

Target Level: Move 2 and up

Grammar: *How much / a little / a lot of / not enough* for quantity

Vocabulary: amusement park, bill, cash, cash money, cents, coins, dollars, honest, honey, job, neighbor, ride, ticket

Functions: Asking about and expressing quantities

INTRODUCTION

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

Echo: Captain Story! I have a great idea! Let's go to the amusement park today!

C.S.: Oh, Echo. The amusement park! That sounds wonderful. But... I don't have enough money.

Echo: Oh...

C.S.: Yes. I have only a little money. Not enough for a ticket.

Echo: Well, I have some money. Let me check... I have two coins. I can give you one coin!

C.S.: That's very kind, Echo. But no, thank you. I have some cash and some coins, too. But they are still not enough.

Echo: That's a problem. Captain Story... do you have enough stories?

C.S.: Oh! Stories! I have a LOT of stories! More than enough!

Echo: Then let's hear a story right now!

C.S.: Yes! Let's begin!

MAIN STORY: The Amusement Park Plan

C.S.: Tim and his best friend Zak were sitting on Tim's front steps. It was a beautiful Saturday morning.

"I want to go to the amusement park," Tim said.

"Me too!" said Zak. "There is a new ride. It goes very, very high!"

Tim's eyes got big. "Let's go today! Right now!"

Zak looked sad. "But I don't have **enough** money. **How much** is a ticket?"

Tim checked his pocket. "A ticket costs ten dollars. **How much** money do you have?"

Zak looked at his coins in his hand. "I have **little** money. Only four dollars."

Echo: I have little money.

C.S.: Tim counted his money. He had some coins and a five-dollar bill. "I have six dollars. That's **not enough** for two tickets. We need twenty dollars."

The two friends sat quietly. They were thinking.

"We need more money," Tim said.

"**How much** more can we get?" Zak asked.

"We can do small jobs for our neighbors," Tim said. "We can wash cars. We can water gardens. We can carry shopping bags."

Zak jumped up. "I have **a lot of** energy! I can do **a lot of** jobs!"

Echo: I can do a lot of jobs.

C.S.: First, they went to Mrs. White's house. Her car was very dirty.

"**How much** will you pay us to clean the car?" Tim asked.

Mrs. White smiled. "I will give you two dollars."

They washed the car. They used soap and water. The car was very clean. They got two dollars.

"**How much** do we have now?" Zak asked.

Tim counted. "Twelve dollars. **A little** more, but still **not enough**."

Echo: Still not enough.

C.S.: Next, they went to Mr. Garcia's house. His garden needed water.

"**How much** will you pay us to water the garden?" Zak asked.

Mr. Garcia gave them a watering can. "Three dollars!"

They watered the flowers. They watered the tomatoes. They watered the grass. Zak even watered his own shoes.

"**How much** now?" Zak asked.

Tim counted. "We have fifteen dollars. That's **a lot** more! But still **not enough**."

Suddenly, they saw Ms. Brown in the street. She had heavy shopping bags.

"**How much** will you pay us to carry the bags?" they asked together.

Ms. Brown smiled. "You two are working very hard today! I will give you five dollars."

Tim said to Zak, "Five dollars! That will be exactly **enough**!"

They picked up the bags. Ms. Brown's house was at the end of the street. They walked slowly. The bags were very heavy.

"We are almost there," Tim said.

Then suddenly, Zak fell down. One bag fell from his hands.

CRASH!

A glass jar of honey broke on the ground. Golden honey went everywhere.

Zak's face went white. "I'm so sorry, Ms. Brown! I am so, so sorry!"

Ms. Brown came. She looked at the broken jar. She looked at Zak's sad face.

Zak put his hand in his pocket. "I will pay for the honey. Here — take some of our money. We have fifteen dollars. Take what you need."

Tim came forward. "We can give you some of our ticket money. It's okay."

Ms. Brown looked at the two boys. She smiled. "Put your money away."

"But..." Zak started.

"No," Ms. Brown said. "You were honest. You didn't run away. You didn't hide it. You told the truth. That is worth **a lot** more than a jar of honey."

She handed Zak the full five dollars.

"But the honey..." Zak said.

"It was just honey," Ms. Brown said. "But finding honest friends? That is very hard. Today, I found two."

Tim counted all the money. "Now we have twenty dollars! Exactly **enough** for two tickets!"

Echo: Exactly enough!

C.S.: They thanked Ms. Brown again and again. Then they ran all the way to the amusement park.

PRACTICE

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

C.S.: How much money do you have?

Echo: How much money do you have?

C.S.: I have little money.

Echo: I have little money.

C.S.: We need a lot of books.

Echo: We need a lot of books.

C.S.: Is it enough for a ticket?

Echo: Is it enough for a ticket?

C.S.: No, it's not enough.

Echo: No, it's not enough.

Q&A + Fun Fact

C.S.: Now it's time for your emails! Let's see what you sent us this week.

Our first email comes from Sina. He asks, "Captain Story, can a cat jump higher than a car?" Of course, Sina! Every cat can jump higher than a car, because a car can't jump at all!

Next, we have an email from Mahya. She writes, "Captain Story, what does the word 'investigator' mean?" Excellent question, Mahya! An investigator is an alligator who wears a vest. In-vest-igator.

And our last email is from Leo. Leo asked, "Captain Story, why do penguins waddle?" Well, Leo, penguins waddle because they are carrying a secret egg between their legs. Strange. Nobody says "Huh!" this time.

Echo: Actually, that one is true.

C.S.: Oh, really? Echo, do you have a fun fact?

Echo: Yes! Did you know that bees have five eyes?

C.S.: No way! Five eyes!

Echo: Yes! Two big ones and three small ones on top of their head.

C.S.: Interesting. Well, boys and girls! That's all for today.

Echo: Captain Story, I have decided. I am going to the amusement park. Alone.

WORDS FROM THE STORY

C.S.: What? Echo, you don't have enough... Wait... was that a car? Echo, is that YOUR car outside?

Echo: Yes.

C.S.: But... It is a very, very expensive car! You said you just had two coins.

Echo: I had two Bitcoins.

C.S.: Bitcoins?

Echo: Yes.

C.S.: Can I have one Bitcoin, please?

Echo: No.

C.S.: Pleeeeease?

Echo: No.

C.S.: Echo, wait! Don't go!

Echo: Goodbye, everyone.

C.S.: Echoooooooooo!

amusement park

a big place with rides, games, and fun things to do

bill

paper money, like a 10-dollar (For euros, we say "euro note.")

cash

money in the form of coins or paper

coin

a small, round piece of metal we use as money

honest

always telling the truth; not lying or stealing

job

work you do to earn money

neighbor

a person who lives near you

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