

Easy English Stories – Episode 35: The Lost Homework

Target Level: Move 2 and up

Grammar: Past tense yes/no questions with *Did* (e.g., *Did you bring your homework? Yes, I did. / No, I didn't.*)

Vocabulary: burned, charging, correct, fainted, fell, flew, landed, schoolyard, spaceship, windowsill

Functions: Asking and answering yes/no questions about the past

INTRODUCTION

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

Echo: Captain Story, is this your microphone?

C.S.: What?! What happened to it? It's broken!

Echo: A baby elephant stepped on it.

C.S.: A baby elephant?!

Echo: Yes. He said sorry.

C.S.: Echo, we don't have elephants in the house.

Echo: He came to visit with his friend the Rhino.

C.S.: Please, Echo. Let me just tell the story.

Echo: Okay.

C.S.: Today's story is about a boy with strange stories. His name is Tom. Let's listen!

MAIN STORY: The Lost Homework

C.S.: Tom was eight years old. He never brought his homework to school.

Every day, the teacher asked, "Tom, **did you bring your homework?** "

And every day, Tom said, "No, I **didn't**." Then he said something funny.

"A dragon burned it. A small dragon. But fire is fire."

"A goat ate my homework. He loved math."

"It fell into a time machine. My homework is in the year 3000 now."

The class laughed every time. The teacher shook her head.

The next day, the teacher asked again.

"Tom, **did you bring your homework?** "

Echo: Did you bring your homework?

C.S.: Tom looked down. "No, I **didn't**," he said quietly.

The teacher looked at him. She wanted answers.

"Did a dragon burn your homework?" she asked.

"No, it **didn't**," Tom said.

"Did a goat eat your homework?"

"No, it **didn't**."

"Did it fall into a time machine?"

"No, it **didn't**."

The teacher waited. "So what happened to your homework, Tom?"

Tom took a deep breath.

"Aliens took my notebook," he said. "They came to my window last night. They said my homework was beautiful. They took it."

The class laughed. The teacher closed her eyes. She was very sad.

Then they heard a very strange noise outside. They looked out the window. A spaceship landed in the schoolyard.

Two small green aliens walked out. One held a notebook. The aliens walked to the window. They looked at Tom.

"Beautiful homework," they said.

"Thank you," said Tom.

The teacher asked, "Did they take your homework?"

"Yes, they did," said Tom.

And the teacher fell to the floor.

Echo: The teacher fainted!

C.S.: The aliens put the notebook on the windowsill. They walked back to their spaceship. The ship flew into the sky.

Tom smiled, took his homework and sat at his desk.

PRACTICE

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

C.S.: Did you bring your homework?

Echo: Did you bring your homework?

C.S.: No, I didn't.

Echo: No, I didn't.

C.S.: Did a dragon burn it?

Echo: Did a dragon burn it?

C.S.: No, it didn't.

Echo: No, it didn't.

C.S.: Did the aliens come?

Echo: Did the aliens come?

C.S.: Yes, they did!

Echo: Yes, they did!

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 Pedram. He asks, "Captain Story, why do birds sit on wires?"

Uh... they are charging their batteries, Pedram.

Our next email is from Ana. She writes, "Captain Story, why do some birds sit on trees and not on wires?"

Uh... those are solar powered, Ana!

Echo: Green energy.

C.S.: Yes! And our last email is from Lola. She asks, "Captain Story, why do aliens always visit Earth at night?"

That's a very good question, Lola. That's because parking is easier at night.

Echo, do we have a fun fact for today?

Echo: Yes! Did you know that people have sent homework to space?

C.S.: No!

Echo: Real astronauts took homework to the International Space Station!

C.S.: Into space? Really? Were the answers correct?

Echo: I don't know.

C.S.: Okey dokey. Now, I'm afraid it is time to say goodbye to our listeners. Goodbye, boys and girls! See you next week for another story!

Echo: Goodbye!

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WORDS FROM THE STORY

astronaut

a person who goes into space



correct

right; without any mistakes



faint

to fall down and go to sleep because you are sick or very tired



land

to come down and stop on the ground (used for a spaceship)

spaceship

a vehicle that flies into space



a spaceship with an alien in it

windowsill

a flat part at the bottom of a window where you can put things



