Easy English Stories – Episode 45: Don’t Do It!

Target Level: Move 1 and up

Grammar: Imperatives and negative imperatives (e.g., *Clean the kitchen. Don't clean the cat.*), simple present tense

Vocabulary: kitchen, cat, baby, dishes, glasses, dishwasher, stop, start, sing

Functions: Giving commands and instructions

INTRODUCTION

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

(clink clink)

C.S.: Pip? What are you doing?

Pip: I am eating.

C.S.: Pip, **don't eat**! We are in the studio.

Pip: But you said eat!

C.S.: That was your dinner! Please don’t eat now.

Pip: Okay.

C.S.: Good. Boys and girls, today we have a nice story.

(snoring sound)

C.S.: Pip! **Don't sleep**!

Pip: But you told me to sleep.

C.S.: That was at night. It is morning now. Please **don't sleep**.

Pip: Sleep. Don't sleep. Eat. Don't eat. Go. Don't go. Come. Don't come. Why?

C.S.: Oh boy! Pip is not happy today.

Pip: I am not happy.

C.S.: Uh… let's start the story, boys and girls!

Pip: (*grumbles)*

MAIN STORY: Don’t Do It!

C.S.: A family has a new robot. His name is…

Pip: Pip!

C.S.: Sorry, his name is Robo.

Pip: Oh!

C.S.: One morning, Dad says, "Robo, **clean** the kitchen."

Robo cleans the kitchen. He is happy. He sings, he plays music and he cleans.

But Robo cleans the cat, too. The cat is wet. The cat is not happy.

The children say, "Robo, please **don't clean** the cat."

Robo beeps.

Robo goes to the baby’s room.

Mom says, "Robo, **turn off** the lights."

Pip: **Turn off** the lights.

C.S.: Robo turns off the lights. He is very happy. He sings and he plays music.

The baby cries.

Mom says, "Robo, please **don't wake** the baby."

Robo beeps.

Then Grandma says, "Robo, **wash** the dishes."

Robo washes the dishes. He sings and jumps.

But Robo puts Grandma's glasses in the dishwasher. Grandma is not happy.

Grandma says, "Robo, please **don't put** my glasses in the dishwasher."

Robo beeps.

Dad is not happy. He says, "Robo, **stop**!"

Pip: Stop!

C.S.: Robo stops. He stops everything. He stops moving. He stops beeping. He stops singing, and he stops playing the music.

The house is quiet. Very quiet.

Mom is sad.

Dad is sad.

The children are sad. And Grandma is sad, too.

Everyone looks at Dad. Dad says, "OK Robo, **start** again."

Robo starts again. He sings, he jumps, and he beeps.

Then he washes the TV.

Dad says, "Robo, **no**!"

Mom says, "**Please don't**!"

Robo works. He is very happy.

Dad says, "What do we do now?"

Mom says, "I don't know."

Grandma says, "I need new glasses."

And the cat runs away.

PRACTICE

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

C.S.: **Clean** the kitchen.
Pip: **Clean** the kitchen.

C.S.: **Don't clean** the cat.
Pip: **Don't clean** the cat.

C.S.: **Wash** the dishes.
Pip: **Wash** the dishes.

C.S.: **Don't put** the glasses in the dishwasher.
Pip: **Don't put** the glasses in the dishwasher.

C.S.: **Stop**!
Pip: **Stop**!

C.S.: **Start** again.
Pip: **Start** again.

PIP'S JOKES

Pip: Knock, knock.

C.S.: Who's there?

Pip: Eve.

C.S.: Eve who?

Pip: **Eve**ning comes before night.

C.S.: Oh! Good one, Pip!

Pip: Knock, knock.

C.S.: Who's there?

Pip: Who.

C.S.: Who who?

Pip: Oh, you are an owl!

C.S.: No, I am not!

Pip: Knock, knock.

C.S.: Who's there?

Pip: Jack.

C.S.: Jack who?

Pip: **Jacket**. It is cold outside!

C.S.: Okay, Pip. Come in!

PIP'S LITTLE SECRET

C.S.: Pip, do you have another little secret for us?

Pip: Yes. Come close.

C.S.: OK.

Pip: Say sorry. Sorry is hard. But sorry is good. Brave children say sorry.

C.S.: That’s a very nice secret, Pip.

Pip: Yes. Now you know.

C.S.: Well, boys and girls, that's all for today.

Pip: Yes. Time to go.

C.S.: See you next week with another story!

Pip: Goodbye, everyone!

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* WORDS FROM THE STORY

dishwasher

a machine that washes plates, cups, and other dishes



owl

a bird with big eyes that stays awake at night



wake

to stop sleeping and open your eyes

snore

to make a loud noise when you sleep

