

Easy English Stories – Episode 17: Where Is the Library?

Target Level: Move 3 and up

Grammar: Asking for and giving simple directions (e.g., *Where is...? Go straight. Turn left/right.*)

Vocabulary: library, bakery, toy shop, go straight, turn left, turn right, behind, around the corner

Functions: Asking for directions and understanding route instructions

INTRODUCTION

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

C.S.: Echo, today we are talking about *directions*. Do you know how to ask for directions?

Echo: Of course! You say, “Where is the cookie?” and then you walk to the cookie.

C.S.: No, Echo. “Where is the *library*?” or “Where is the *bank*?” Not cookies.

Echo: But sometimes the cookie is the most important thing to find.

C.S.: Hmm... okay, that’s true. But not in our story today. Let’s listen to it.

MAIN STORY: Where Is the Library?

C.S.: It is Saturday morning. Sandy has a new book to return to the library. She is excited to go, but when she steps outside, she stops.

C.S.: Sandy looks around. “Oh no... Where is the library? I forgot the way!”

C.S.: She walks past a bakery. She asks the baker for directions. He tells her to go straight and turn left. Sandy thanks him and walks carefully. She turns left... but instead of a library, she finds a fountain with ducks!

C.S.: “Hmm... not the library. But the ducks are cute!” Sandy thinks.

C.S.: Next, she sees a woman walking in the park. Sandy asks again, and the woman tells her to go straight and then turn right. Sandy walks straight, turns right... and sees a toy shop full of balloons and games.

C.S.: “Oh no! Not again!” Sandy sits down on a bench. She feels a little sad.

C.S.: Suddenly, a little boy comes by. He looks at Sandy’s book and says, “Are you looking for the library?”

C.S.: Sandy asks, “How do you know?”

C.S.: The boy points to the book. “I can see it on your book! It has a library sticker.”

C.S.: Sandy smiles. The boy tells her that the library is just around the corner.

C.S.: Sandy thanks him, walks carefully around the shop, and sees the library! She smiles and says, “I will remember this address. Next time, I will come here without asking anyone!”

Practice

C.S.: Now repeat after us!

C.S.: Where is the library?

Echo: Where is the library?

C.S.: Go straight.

Echo: Go straight.

C.S.: Turn left.

Echo: Turn left.

C.S.: Turn right.

Echo: Turn right.

C.S.: It is just around the corner.

Echo: It is just around the corner.

Q&A + Fun Fact

C.S.: Now it's question time!

Child 1: Captain Story, what is a starfish?

C.S.: Uh... It is a shiny fish that lives in the sky.

Child 2: Captain Story, why do cats climb trees, but dogs don't?

C.S.: Because birds live in trees, but bones do not live in trees.

Child 3: Captain Story, how can I make a milkshake?

C.S.: Uh... Give a cow a jumping rope or a pogo stick.

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

Echo: Yes! The first public library in the world opened in Egypt, more than 2,000 years ago.

C.S.: Wow! I hope no one forgot to return their book after all this time. The fine would be very big!

C.S.: Well, that's all for today, boys and girls! See you next week!

Echo: Goodbye!

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