

Easy English Stories – Episode 36: The Field Trip

Target Level: Move 3 and Up

Grammar: Wh-questions in simple past (e.g., *Where did you go? What did you see? Why did she run?*)

Vocabulary: farm, goats, sheep, backpacks, cows, bees, teacher, farmer, video games, bus, trip

Functions: Asking and answering Wh-questions about past events

INTRODUCTION

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

Echo: Hello.

C.S.: Echo, you look sleepy! Did you sleep well last night?

Echo: No, I counted sheep.

C.S.: Did it help you sleep?

Echo: No. I counted 43,258 sheep. Then it was morning.

C.S.: Oh, poor you. Well, our story today is also about sheep and cows and a farm.

Echo: Please, NO!

C.S.: Sorry.

MAIN STORY: The Field Trip

C.S.: The children in Sophie's school played a lot of video games. Every day. All day. The teachers were not happy. Fathers and mothers were not happy, either.

So, the school decided something. A trip. A field trip to a farm.

And no video games. Not one. Not a single one.

Sophie's parents were very happy. Fresh air! Animals! No screens!

Sophie was not happy. "A farm? But I don't like farms," she said.

But she went on a trip. With her friends and with no video games.

In the evening, Sophie came home. Her parents were waiting.

Mom asked, "How was the school trip, Sophie?"

Sophie said, "Good."

Dad asked, "**Where** did you go?"

"To a farm."

Mom asked, "**What** did you see first?"

Sophie said, "Goats and sheep."

Dad said, "Nice. **What** did they do?"

Sophie said, "They ate our backpacks."

"They ate your backpacks?!"

"Yes. All of them."

Mom asked, "**What** did your teacher do?"

"She was running away."

"**Why** was she running away?"

"The cows ran after her," Sophie said.

Dad said, "The cows?!"

Sophie said, "Yes. Big cows! They were very angry."

Mom asked, "**What** did you do?"

"We ran too," Sophie said.

"**Why** did you run?"

"Little Sam bothered the bees."

Mom said, "Oh no!"

Sophie went on, "Yes. The bees got angry. They came after us."

Dad asked, "**Where** did you go?"

"We hid in the farmer's house."

Mom asked, "And **what** did you do there?"

"We played video games," Sophie answered.

"Video games?! At a farm?!" Dad said.

"Yes. The farmer's son had some very good games. We played until evening. Then the school sent a bus to take us back."

Mom and Dad looked at each other.

Sophie said, "The farm is great. I hope we go there again soon."

And she went to her room.

PRACTICE

C.S.: Let's practice! Repeat after us, boys and girls.

C.S.: Where did you go?

Echo: Where did you go?

C.S.: What did you see?

Echo: What did you see?

C.S.: Why did she run?

Echo: Why did she run?

C.S.: What did they do?

Echo: What did they do?

Q&A + Fun Fact

C.S.: And now let's have a look at our emails.

Our first email is from Lewis. He asks, "Captain Story, why do cows stand in fields?"

Because the chairs are all inside, Lewis.

Our next email is from Ali. He writes, "Captain Story, why do chickens lay eggs?"

Well, they lay eggs because throwing eggs would make a mess, Ali.

And our last email is from Sara. She asks, "Captain Story, do you know why ducks walk in a line?"

Of course. That's because the first duck has the map, Sara.

Echo, do you have a fun fact?

Echo: Yes! Did you know that cows can smell things from up to 10 kilometers away?

C.S.: That's very far. They can smell lunch from another town.

Echo: That's right.

C.S.: Well, goodbye, boys and girls! See you next week for another story!

Echo: Goodbye! Stay away from goats!

C.S.: You want to go to sleep earlier tonight?

Echo: Sure.

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WORDS FROM THE STORY

bother

to make someone feel not happy or trouble them

field trip

a visit to a place outside of school to learn something new



parent

a mother or a father

run away

to run and go because you are afraid or want to escape

screen

the part of a computer, mobile phone, or tablet that shows pictures and words

