

Easy English Stories – Episode 34: The Magic Stone

Target Level: Move 2 and up

Grammar: Simple past tense verbs (e.g., walked, looked, saw, wished, smiled, turned)

Vocabulary: flew, hung, laughed, pointed, stood, touched, turned, waited, whispered, wished, sidewalk

Functions: Talking about past events

INTRODUCTION

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

Echo: Captain Story, Look this banana is magic!

C.S.: A magic banana?

Echo: Yes, I wished for cookies. Then I found cookies in the kitchen.

C.S.: Echo, we bought those cookies yesterday.

Echo: And this morning I wished for my lost sock. Then I found it under my bed.

C.S.: That's because you put your socks under the bed.

Echo: No, it is because this is a magic banana.

C.S.: Tell you what. Let's listen to a story about something really magical.

Echo: Is it a magic banana?

C.S: No, it's a magic stone.

Echo: Ok

MAIN STORY: The Magic Stone

C.S.: Dina **walked** home from school. She **looked** at the ground. She **saw** a green stone. It was very beautiful.

An old woman **stood** under the tree. She **smiled** at Dina.

"That is a magic stone," she **said**. "It grants three wishes. Use them well."

Dina **picked up** the stone. She **looked at** the old woman. But, she **was not** under the tree!

Dina **looked** at the stone. She **closed** her eyes.

"I wish for a video game," she **said**.

Nothing **happened**.

Then — BONK! A box **fell** from the sky. It **hit** Dina on the head.

"Ouch!" she **said**.

She **opened** the box. Inside was a new video game.

Echo: She **opened** the box

C.S.: Inside was a video game. Dina **walked** home. On her way she **saw** a boy. He **sat** on a bench. He **looked** sad.

"What is wrong?" Dina **asked**.

"I want a video game," he **said**. "But my family has no money."

Dina **looked** at her new game. She **looked** at the boy. She **gave** him the box.

The boy was very happy. He **ran** to his home.

Dina **touched** the stone. "Now I have two wishes," she **said**.

C.S.: It was a hot day. Dina **closed** her eyes. "I wish for ice cream," she **said**. She **waited**.

Echo: She waited.

C.S.: Nothing...Then a truck **drove** past. It **hit** a bump. An ice cream cone **flew** out the window. It **flew** right into Dina's hand.

It was chocolate ice cream. She **loved** chocolate ice cream!

C.S.: Dina **laughed**. Then she **saw** a little girl. She **cried** on the sidewalk.

"What is wrong?" Dina **asked**.

"I dropped my ice cream," the girl **said**. She **pointed** to an ice cream cone on the ground.

Dina **looked** at her cone. She **looked** at the crying girl. She **gave** her the ice cream.

Echo: She gave her the ice cream.

The little girl **stopped** crying. She **licked** the ice cream. She **smiled**.

Dina **touched** the stone. "I have only one wish," she **said**.

C.S.: Dina **looked** at her sneakers. They were very old and dirty. She **closed** her eyes.

"I wish for new sneakers," she **said**.

She **looked** down. Nothing. She **looked** up. Nothing. She **looked** around.

Then she **walked** past a tree. Something **hung** from a branch. Two sneakers. Tied together. Red. Her size!

She **pulled** them down. "Who throws sneakers in a tree?" she **said**.

C.S.: Dina **put** on the sneakers. They **felt** perfect.

Then she **saw** another girl. Her shoes **had** holes. She could see her toes.

"Those are nice sneakers," the girl **said**.

Dina **looked** at the girl's shoes. She **looked** at her new red sneakers.

She **took** them off. She **gave** them to the girl.

"Here," Dina **said**. "I think they are your size."

The girl **put** them on. She **jumped** up and down. "Thank you!" she **said**.

Dina **walked** home in her old shoes.

Echo: She walked home.

C.S.: She **held** the stone in her hand. "I have no wishes," she **said**.

She **looked** at the stone. It was not green anymore. It was gold!

Echo: Gold?

C.S.: Yes, Dina **smiled**. She **put** the gold stone in her pocket.

The old woman under the tree **watched** Dina go. She **smiled**. And then she was gone.

PRACTICE

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

C.S.: She walked home.

Echo: She walked home.

C.S.: She looked at the stone.

Echo: She looked at the stone.

C.S.: She gave it to the boy.

Echo: She gave it to the boy.

C.S.: The stone turned to gold.

Echo: The stone turned to gold.

C.S.: She smiled.

Echo: She smiled.

Q&A + Fun Fact

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

C.S.: Our first email is from Sana. She asks: "Captain Story, why do turtles carry their house?"

C.S.: They don't trust hotels, Sana.

C.S.: Our next email is from Pedro. He writes: "Captain Story, why do monkeys like bananas?"

C.S.: Well, peeling an orange takes too long, Pedro.

C.S.: And our last email is from Lila. She asks: "Captain Story, why do witches ride broomsticks?"

C.S.: That's because vacuum cleaners are too noisy, Lila.

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

Echo: Yes! Did you know that all the gold ever found on Earth would fit into just three swimming pools?

C.S.: Only three swimming pools?! That's not a lot!

Echo: No!

C.S.: Thanks for that interesting fact. Ok boys and girls! That's all for today. See you next week for another story!

Echo: Goodbye! Use your wishes well!

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WORDS FROM THE STORY

Hang

To put something up so it is held from the top (past: hung)



Point

To show something by holding your finger toward it

Sidewalk

A hard path beside a road for people to walk on

Wait

To stay in one place until something happens



Whisper

To speak very softly, almost without sound

