EPISODE 317

The Wizard of Oz

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Hi! I'm Georgiana, and I'm back with a new episode. I'm here to help you speak English fluently.

Ok, let's start!

Dorothy lives on a farm in Kansas with her Uncle Henry and Aunt Em. She has a little dog named Toto. One day, a big storm, called a **tornado**, comes and takes Dorothy and Toto to a strange and magical place named Oz.

When Dorothy's house lands in Oz, it falls on the Wicked Witch of the East and kills her. Because of this, Dorothy becomes a hero to the small people called Munchkins.

The Good Witch, named Glinda, tells Dorothy to follow the **yellow brick road** to the Emerald City, where The **Wizard** of Oz lives. She says the **Wizard** can help Dorothy go back home to Kansas.

As Dorothy walks down the yellow brick road, she meets three new friends:

The **Scarecrow** who wants to have a brain to be smart.

The **Tin Woodman** who wants a heart so he can feel love.

The **Cowardly Lion** who wants the **courage** to be brave.

Together, they face many challenges, like the Wicked Witch of the West, who tries to stop them with flying monkeys and other tricks. But with teamwork and courage, Dorothy and her friends keep going.

When they reach the Emerald City, they finally meet The **Wizard** of Oz.

At first, the Wizard seems scary, but later, they find out he is just a regular man with no magic. But even though he has no real magic, The Wizard of Oz helps Dorothy's friends feel better about themselves. The Scarecrow gets a diploma to show he is smart, the Tin Woodman gets a heart made of silk, and the Lion gets a medal for his bravery.

Finally, Glinda, the Good Witch, shows Dorothy how to get home. Dorothy clicks her heels three times while wearing magical shoes, and she goes back home to Kansas, where she is happy to be with her family again.

The story shows how important it is to work together with friends to solve problems. The characters learn that they already have the strength and qualities they were looking for. And Dorothy learns that "**there's no place like home**" and that family is very special.

Now, let's practice.

Mini-Story

Speaking Practice

Answer the questions aloud with short and quick responses. Repeat the Mini-Story several times to improve your speaking and listening.

Dorothy, do you live on the Great Plains?
Yes. I live on the Great Plains.

Do you live on a mountain?
No, I don't live on a mountain.

I live on the Great Plains of Kansas.

Where do you live?
On the Great Plains. I live on the Great Plains with my uncle and aunt.

Do you live with your uncle and aunt?
Yes, I live with my uncle and aunt. I live with my uncle Henry and my aunt Em.

Do you live with your father and mother?
No. I don't live with my parents. Actually, I don't have any parents, I'm an orphan.

I live with my uncle and aunt.

Who do you live with?
With my uncle and aunt. I live with my uncle and aunt. My uncle Henry and my aunt Em.

Your uncle's name is Harry, right?
No, my uncle's name isn't Harry.

What's your uncle's name?
Henry. His name's Henry.

My uncle's name is Henry and my aunt's name is Em.

Your name is Em?
No, my name isn't Em. My name's Dorothy.

Whose name is Em? Your friend's?
No, my friend's name isn't Em.

That's my aunt's name. She's the wife of Uncle Henry.

Who is Aunt Em?

Is she a sister of Uncle Henry's?
No, Aunt Em isn't a sister of Uncle Henry's. She's not his sister. She's, his wife.

Is she, his wife?
Yes, she is his wife. Aunt Em is Uncle Henry's wife.

Who are you, Henry's daughter?
No, I'm not his daughter. I'm his niece.

They're my uncle and aunt. That means that I'm their niece.

What's your uncle's name?
Henry. My uncle's name is Henry.

Dorothy's aunt and uncle were farmers and lived in a tiny house.

Your uncle and aunt are farmers, right?
Yes, they are farmers.

Who are farmers?
My uncle and aunt, Uncle Henry and Aunt Em are farmers.

Only your uncle Henry is a farmer?
No, not only my uncle Henry. My aunt Em is also a farmer.

Are your aunt and uncle manual laborers?
No, they aren't manual laborers. My aunt and uncle are farmers.

What does Aunt Em do for a living? What field does she work in?
She works in farming. She's a farmer. My uncle and aunt are farmers and live in a tiny house.

Do your uncle and aunt live in a house or in an apartment?
In a house. They live in a house.

Do your uncle and aunt have an apartment?
No, they don't. My uncle and aunt don't have any apartment. They have a tiny house.

What does their house look like? Is it big?

No, it isn't big. The house is small. My uncle and aunt's house is small,

even though we all live there together.

Do you live together or separately?

We live together. I live together with my uncle and aunt. We all live together.

Where do you live? Do you also live in the house?

Yes, I also live in the house.

I live in my uncle and aunt's house

The house also belongs to me. We're a family.

What does your house look like? Is it small or is it big?

Small. Our house is small. Our house isn't big.

What's small, your apartment?

No, not our apartment.

We don't have an apartment. Our house is small.

Oh, you have a house, right?

Yes, we own a house.

So, all of you live in the house?

Yes, all of us live in the house.

By practicing every day, you will start speaking English more naturally, without translating from your own language.

Thanks for listening, and I'll see you in the next episode.

Review

Vocabulary from This Episode

Review the most useful words and expressions before listening again.

01 **tornado** a violently rotating column of air.	05 **Tin Woodman** Dorothy's friend who wants a heart.
02 **Munchkin** one of the small people Dorothy meets in Oz.	06 **Cowardly Lion** Dorothy's friend who wants courage.
03 **yellow brick road** the road Dorothy follows toward the Emerald City.	07 **courage** the ability to face fear or difficulty.
04 **Scarecrow** Dorothy's friend who wants a brain.	08 **there's no place like home** an expression meaning home is uniquely comforting and important.

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