

THE GREEN UMBRELLA
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The Green Umbrella NARRATOR 1

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(Cue: Rain and wind sound effects)
(Enter Elephant)

One rainy day an Elephant was taking a walk with his green umbrella. NARRATOR 3

Along came a hedgehog. NARRATOR 4

(Enter Hedgehog)

Excuse me. I believe you have my boat. HEDGEHOG

Your what? ELEPHANT

(Cue: Crashing waves sound effects.)

I crossed deep oceans on my boat and faced the crash of icy waves. HEDGEHOG

(Cue: Dolphin sound effects.)

I saw dolphins leap two by two and tasted the salty spray of whales. The stars were my guide and my boat, a faithful friend.

ELEPHANT

I'm sure you're mistaken. This isn't your boat. It's my umbrella.
However, you're welcome to share it and stay dry.

NARRATOR 5

Along came a Cat.
(Enter Cat)

CAT

Excuse me. I believe you have my tent.

ELEPHANT & HEDEHOG

Your what?

(Cue: Frog, owl and cricket sound effects.)

CAT

I studied unusual plants and flowers in wooded forests. In the evenings, among hanging vines and giant leaves, I'd camp under my trusty tent and enjoy a cup of tea.

ELEPHANT

I'm sure you're mistaken. This isn't your tent. It's my umbrella.
However, you're welcome to share it and stay dry.

NARRATOR 6

Along came a Bear.

(Enter Bear)

BEAR

Excuse me. I believe you have my flying machine.

ELEPHANT & HEDGEHOG & CAT

Your what?

(Cue: Wind and birds sound effects.)

BEAR

I flew through windy skies in my flying machine. I soared through clouds high up in the air and saw Northern Lights glimmer above rolling hills. I floated on wings free and far from the noise of busy towns below.

ELEPHANT

I'm sure you're mistaken. This isn't your flying machine or your tent or your boat! When I was a child I imagined I was a pirate,

and my umbrella was my sword. I was a circus acrobat, and my umbrella was the balancing pole. I was a home run hitter, and my umbrella my bat.

NARRATOR 7

The rain stopped and the sun came out.

ELEPHANT

I'll be on my way. Good-bye.

HEDGEHOG

I need my boat!

CAT

I need my tent!

BEAR

I need my flying machine!

NARRATOR 8

Along came an Old Rabbit.

(Enter Old Rabbit)

RABBIT

Excuse me. I believe you have my cane!

ELEPHANT & HEDGEHOG & CAT & BEAR

Your what?

RABBIT

I climbed hundreds of stairs to the tops of desert pyramids. I hiked tall mountains to reach moss covered ruins with the help of my sturdy cane. In a maze of dark caves, sure in my steps over stony trails, I discovered ancient treasures.

ELEPHANT

I'm sure you're mistaken. This isn't your cane. It's my umbrella which has sheltered me from the rain and the sun.

(The Old Rabbit wipes his brow.)

NARRATOR 9

The Elephant noticed the Old Rabbit wiping his brow from the sun's heat.

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ELEPHANT

However, you're welcome to share it and stay cool.

RABBIT

That would be nice.

CAT

I can make us all a nice cup of tea!

HEDGEHOG & BEAR

Sounds wonderful!

NARRATOR 10

So, in the shade of the green umbrella, Elephant, Hedgehog, Cat, Bear and the Old Rabbit, shared their stories, drank tea, planned adventures and became fast friends.

NARRATOR 11

Together they went...

HEDGEHOG

Sailing.

CAT

Camping.

BEAR

Flying.

RABBIT

Hiking.

ALL

And when it rained they stayed dry under the green umbrella.

THE END

(Note: The Narrator lines can be shared by as many people as you choose.)

*Possible props:
Rain Stick
Umbrella*

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Set:

Allow for a large space. Children may create simple background scenes like clouds, pyramids, flowers, boat, etc.