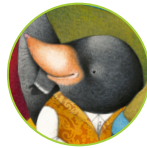




## Cast



**Narrator 1**



**Mole**



**Rat**



**Toad**



**Narrator 2**



**Badger**

*Work with the children to allocate characters and prepare a short performance. Discuss the stage directions in advance and make sure the children understand how to follow the script.*

**Narrator 1:** Mole was cleaning his little house when he looked out of the window and saw that it was a warm spring day.

**Mole:** It's too nice to be inside.

**Narrator 2:** So, he stopped cleaning, and walked to the river. On the other side of the river, he saw a water rat.

**Rat:** Hello, Mr. Mole. Would you like to come on my boat?

**Mole:** Hello, Mr. Rat. Yes, I think I will.

**Narrator 1:** So, Rat sailed his little boat to Mole.

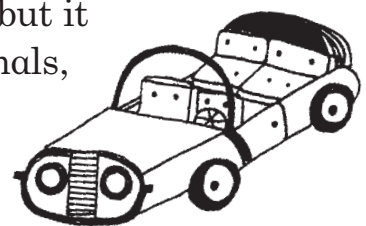
**Rat:** I love having fun on boats. I've got a big picnic here, too. We can eat it later.

**Mole:** This is all wonderful!

**Narrator 2:** Then, Rat saw Mole looking at a huge forest.

**Rat:** That's the Wild Forest. I don't like it because it's full of weasels. Although, Mr. Badger lives there, too, and he is quite nice. So is Mr. Toad at Toad Hall, but he likes cars too much!

- Narrator 1:** Rat took Mole to his house.
- Mole:** I like your house, Mr. Rat
- Rat:** How about staying here until the summer?
- Mole:** I'd like that, thank you.
- Narrator 2:** Mole was feeling very happy later that night, when he went to bed in Rat's comfortable home.
- Narrator 1:** The next day, Rat took Mole to visit Toad at Toad Hall. It was a very grand building, and it had a huge garden.
- Narrator 2:** Toad was very happy because he had a new horse and caravan.
- Toad:** Let's take the caravan somewhere.
- Narrator 1:** So, they took the horse and caravan out for a journey.
- Narrator 2:** Not far from Toad Hall, a very grand car suddenly drove past very quickly. The horse became frightened, and the caravan fell over.
- Narrator 1:** Toad didn't mind. He was watching the car.
- Toad:** I want that car.
- Narrator 2:** It was winter now, and Mole was still staying with Rat.
- Mole:** I've heard a lot about Mr. Badger, so I must meet him.
- Narrator 1:** Mole walked into the Wild Forest, but it was frightening. It was full of animals, and there were strange noises.



- Narrator 2:** Rat saw Mole walk into the forest and he felt worried, so he followed him. Together, they walked to Badger's house.
- Narrator 1:** Badger gave them a delicious dinner, and they talked about how much Toad loved cars.
- Badger:** We must talk to Mr. Toad about his cars. I'm worried. He drives too fast.
- Narrator 2:** In the morning, they all had a nice breakfast. Then, Badger walked with Mole and Rat to the edge of the forest.
- Narrator 1:** Later in the winter, Mole and Rat decided to go for a walk.
- Narrator 2:** Soon, Mole came to a place that he knew, and he smelled a smell that he knew, too.
- Mole:** We're near my home! I want to go there.
- Narrator 1:** They soon found Mole's old home. The house was very untidy, and Rat was hungry.
- Rat:** Will there be any food?
- Narrator 2:** Mole tidied the house while Rat looked in the cupboards, where he found biscuits and some cans of fish.
- Rat:** Great! We have lots to eat!
- Narrator 1:** So, they had a delicious dinner of biscuits and fish, and then they slept in a pair of comfortable beds.
- Narrator 2:** Mole was feeling very happy, because he was back in his own house with his best friend, Rat.