



Cast



Narrator 1



Billy



Pelican (Pelly)



Monkey



Narrator 2



Giraffe



man



Duke

Non-speaking



Police



burglar

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.

Billy:

Near my home, there was an old house. In the past, it was a candy store. What a great place for a candy store!

Narrator 1:

One day, the house had a new door. A very, very tall door.

Billy:

Then, one of the top windows opened, and a head looked at me with big, dark eyes.

Narrator 2:

A second window opened, and there was a big pelican.

Billy:

Who is your friend in the next window?

Pelican:

She is the Giraffe!

Narrator 1:

A third window opened below the Pelican—and there was a Monkey! He sang,

Monkey:

(Singing) We can clean windows!
We work really hard,
We never stop to drink tea.
Who needs a ladder?
With friends like us—
The Giraffe, the Pelly and Me!

- Billy:** I stood and watched.
- Narrator 2:** Then, the pelican flew down.
- Pelican:** Jump in.
- Billy:** The Pelican carried me up to the top window in his beak.
- Giraffe:** Hello, what is your name?
- Billy:** Billy.
- Giraffe:** We're hungry, Billy. We must find some windows to clean. Then, we can buy food.
- Billy:** A big car stopped outside, and a man got out and looked up at us.
- man:** Please can you clean the Duke of Hampshire's windows? He has lots of windows, and they are very dirty.
- Giraffe:** Yes! We can!
- Billy:** The four of us went to the Duke of Hampshire's house.
- Duke:** Who are you?
- Monkey:** *(Singing)* We are the window cleaners!
The Giraffe, the Pelly and Me!
- (The Duke turns to Billy.)*
- Duke:** What about you?
- Giraffe:** His name is Billy. He helps us. I am the ladder.
The Pelly holds the water. The Monkey is the cleaner.
- (The Giraffe and the Monkey get ready to clean the windows.)*

- Giraffe:** Let's start with the top windows.
- Duke:** You can't clean the top windows! They're too high
- Giraffe:** Nothing is too high for me!
- Narrator 1:** Then, her neck grew longer . . and longer . . . and longer.
- Narrator 2:** The Giraffe, the Pelly, and the Monkey were VERY fast and VERY good at cleaning the Duke's windows.
- Narrator 1:** Then, they saw something in the top window. They stopped cleaning.
- Billy:** The Giraffe walked very slowly to us.
- Giraffe:** Duke, there is a man in that bedroom. He is taking things from the cupboard.
- Duke:** My wife's jewels! Call the police!
- Narrator 2:** The Pelly threw the water out of his beak and flew up to the window.
- Narrator 1:** He went into the room. When he flew down again, a loud noise came from his beak.
- Monkey:** The Pelly has the burglar!
- (The police arrive.)*
- Narrator 2:** When the police came, the Pelican opened his beak, and the police jumped on the burglar.
- (The police take the burglar away.)*
- Duke:** Thank you, my friends. Those jewels are very, very expensive. They are only safe because of you.