



Cast



Narrator 1



Moomin



Moominmamma



Little My



Narrator 2



Moominpappa



Snorkmaiden

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.

(The Moomins are going on a boat trip. Moomin is trying to decide which fishing rod to take.)

Narrator 1:

Moomin liked fishing, but today he couldn't choose a fishing rod.

(Moomin holds two fishing rods.)

Moomin:

Mmm . . . Which one? The red one or the yellow one?

(Moominpappa is trying on hats.)

Narrator 2:

Moominpappa couldn't choose a hat.

Moominpappa:

Mmm . . . Which hat for the boat? The black hat? The yellow hat for the rain? Or both? And I must take my top hat, of course!

(Moominmamma and Little My are collecting berries.)

Narrator 1:

Moominmamma and Little My wanted to take lots of berries with them for the picnic.

Moominmamma:

Berries are good to eat and we can make lots of juice from them, too.

- Little My:** Good! I love berry juice!
- Moomin:** Mmm! I like berry juice, too!
Now, where's Snorkmaiden? Is she ready?
- Narrator 2:** Snorkmaiden couldn't choose her clothes for the trip.
- Snorkmaiden:** Oh dear! What can I wear? Can you help me, Moomin?
(Snorkmaiden holds up two dresses; a blue one and a pink one.)
- Snorkmaiden:** Do you like the blue dress or the pink one?
- Moomin:** They both look nice, but I like the pink one better.
- Narrator 1:** After many hours, they were all ready and the boat was full.
- Moomin and Snorkmaiden:** Now, let's go and look for treasure!
- Narrator 2:** Oh dear! It was late!
- Little My:** *(Sadly)* There's no sun!
- Moominpappa:** No, there isn't. But we have the moonlight!
- Narrator 1:** Then, in the moonlight, they started their trip.
- Moominpappa:** Let's look for an island!
- All:** *(Happily)* Yes!
- Narrator 2:** Snorkmaiden was excited. She put her hand into the water.
- Snorkmaiden:** There's treasure! I can see treasure! Down there!
- Little My:** That's not treasure! It's only the moonlight.

- Moomin:** I think that it's treasure!
- Narrator 1:** Then, Moomin jumped into the water. He swam down and down . . . At the bottom, he saw a beautiful pearl inside a shell!
- Narrator 2:** Snorkmaiden, Little My, Moominmamma, and Moominpappa all looked into the water, but they couldn't see Moomin.
- Snorkmaiden:** Oh dear. Is he all right?
- Narrator 1:** Then, Moomin swam back to the boat.
- Snorkmaiden:** (*Happily*) Oh, Moomin!
- Moomin:** It WAS treasure! Look!
- Narrator 2:** He showed Snorkmaiden the beautiful shell. The pearl inside it was the same color as the moon.
- Snorkmaiden:** It's beautiful!
- Moomin:** It's for you!
- Narrator 1:** After a few minutes, Moominpappa saw something.
- Moominpappa:** I can see an island!
- Moominmamma:** Good! Let's have our picnic there.
- Narrator 2:** They made a nice fire and enjoyed their picnic in the moonlight.
- Narrator 1:** Moominpappa told them stories about the sea.
- Narrator 2:** They talked most about Moomin and the pearl. Then, they all felt very tired.
- Narrator 1:** Snorkmaiden put her head next to Moomin's head.

Snorkmaiden: Thank you, Moomin! Thank you for my treasure.
It's beautiful.

Narrator 2: Moomin was very, very happy!

Moomin: Tomorrow, I can find you more treasure.

Narrator 1: Snorkmaiden didn't hear him—she was asleep!

