

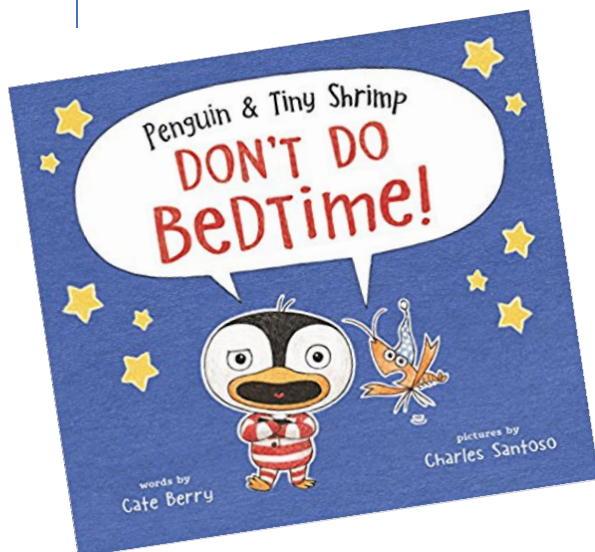
Penguin & Tiny Shrimp

Don't Do Bedtime!

Readers Theater Script by Marcie Colleen

Read aloud *Penguin & Tiny Shrimp Don't Do Bedtime!* by Cate Berry, illustrated by Charles Santoso. Then, hand out a set of photocopied scripts to the class.

Assign individual parts, the remaining children will be the Chorus.



For the first run-through, children will simply read their role aloud.

Once all readers are comfortable with their parts, a second reading can include props and costumes, if desired.

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Roles:

Narrator 1

Narrator 2

Penguin

Tiny Shrimp

Chorus

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Narrator 1: Penguin and Tiny Shrimp...

(Penguin and Tiny Shrimp wave to the audience, then pantomime the following actions)

Narrator 2: took a nice bath...

Chorus: Splish, splash, quack, quack.

Narrator 1: put on their pajamas...

Chorus: Step, step, zzziiip!

Narrator 1: and brushed their teeth.

Chorus: Scritch, scritch, swish, spit.

Narrator 1 & 2: They were ready for b--.

Penguin: Wait!

Tiny Shrimp: Stop!

Penguin: This is not a bedtime story.

Tiny Shrimp: We don't DO bedtime!

Chorus: Gasp!

(Narrator 1&2 page through the script looking to see if it is a bedtime story.)

Penguin: There is no room for toothbrushing and bath time in this story.

Tiny Shrimp: Hit the road, Ducky!

Chorus: Quack, quack.

Penguin: And there is nothing about big, soft beds...

Narrator 1: No?

Tiny Shrimp: No!

Penguin: Or cozy covers...

Narrator 2: No?

Tiny Shrimp: No!

Penguin: Or super-squishy pillows...

Tiny Shrimp: Ohhhhhh, squishy pillows.

Chorus: Ohhhhhhhhhh!

Penguin: NO!

Narrator 1&2: I think we have the wrong script.

Penguin: You won't catch us with sleepy sheep or wishing stars.

Chorus: Baaa baaaa yawn!

(Chorus goes to sleep on the stage).

Tiny Shrimp: Sayonara, Sheep!

Penguin: This story has fireworks!

Narrator 1&2: Bang! Whiz! Whee! Pop! (aside to Penguin and Tiny Shrimp) Is this better?

(Chorus is woken up)

Tiny Shrimp: Oh yeah! Now we're talking!

Penguin: And running through the Serengeti!

Tiny Shrimp: Everyone grab your sneakers!

(Everyone jogs in place while making safari animal noises)

Penguin: Swinging from the vines in the rain forest! Flying hot air balloons! Sailing through shark-infested waters!

Narrator 1: This story has songs!

Chorus: Shoo-bee-do-wah moon, Shoo-be-do awake.

Narrator 2: And jokes!

Tiny Shrimp: What do you call a fish with two knees?

Chorus: a tune fish!

Penguin: This story even has...

Chorus and Narrators: (do a drumroll)

Everyone: A Uni-Hippo!

Penguin: One thing this story will never do is make you tired.

Chorus: I'm not tired!

Tiny Shrimp: We're here all night!

Penguin: This story will never make you yawn.

Chorus: Who's yawning? Not me!

Tiny Shrimp: So...not...tired.

Penguin: See? My eyelids aren't heavy at all.

Chorus: So...heavy...

Tiny Shrimp: You're just resting them.

Penguin: I promise this story will keep you...

Tiny Shrimp: awaaake...

Chorus: Zzzzzzzzzz.....

Narrators: See you in the morning.

THE END