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UPPER PRIMARY**

This script includes optional solo reading parts for six child readers and requires one advanced reader/narrator (teacher or older reader). The script has been created for children with some basic reading skills at an UPPER PRIMARY grade level.

(ALL READERS, EXCEPT NARRATOR, ARE STANDING IN FRONT OF CHAIRS AS THE READING BEGINS).

ALL OR CHILD 1: ON THE MONDAY BEFORE CHRISTMAS,

(READERS LOOK AT NARRATOR AS NARRATOR STANDS. AS NARRATOR BEGINS TO READ, READERS LOOK BACK AT THEIR OWN SCRIPTS).

NARRATOR: Ardith Magee decided to take her pet alligator out for a Christmas shopping spree.

ALL OR CHILD 2: SHE OPENED HER FRONT DOOR AND CHECKED THE WEATHER.

(3/ARDITH MOVES DOWNSTAGE, MIMES OPENING DOOR DIRECTLY TOWARD AUDIENCE, AND CHECKS THE WEATHER).

NARRATOR: Then Ardith called to her mother.

(3/ARDITH READS LINE DIRECTLY TO AUDIENCE).

3/ARDITH: "It's coooooooooold outside! My alligator's nose will freeze!"

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(READER 4/MOTHER MOVES DOWNSTAGE AND STANDS
BESIDE 3/ARDITH. LINE IS READ FOR COMEDY AND
DELIVERED DIRECTLY TO AUDIENCE).

4/MOTHER: "So put a sock on it!"

NARRATOR: said mother. And Ardith did.

(3/ARDITH AND 4/MOTHER RETURN TO CHAIRS. ALL READERS
SIT IN UNISON).

NARRATOR: She covered the alligator's nose with one of father's

ALL OR CHILD 5: BIGGEST, WIDEST, LONGEST ANGORA SOCKS.

ALL OR CHILD 6: THE SOCK WAS RED.

NARRATOR: Then Ardith and her pet alligator went off to the mall. The alligator
bought four advent calendars with holiday chocolates behind the
windows, and an airline ticket to

ALL: AUSTRALIA!

NARRATOR: And when the shopping was done, Ardith and her pet alligator

ALL: WENT HOME!

(ALL READERS, EXCEPT NARRATOR STAND).

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ALL OR CHILD 1: ON THE TUESDAY BEFORE CHRISTMAS,

(AGAIN READERS LOOK AT NARRATOR AS NARRATOR STANDS.
AS NARRATOR BEGINS TO READ, READERS LOOK BACK AT
THEIR OWN SCRIPTS).

NARRATOR: Ardith Magee decided to take her pet armadillo out for a Christmas shopping spree.

ALL OR CHILD 2: SHE OPENED HER BACK DOOR AND CHECKED THE WEATHER.

(3/ARDITH MOVES DOWNSTAGE AS BEFORE AND MIMES
OPENING DOOR AND CHECKING WEATHER).

NARRATOR: Then Ardith called to her mother.

3/ARDITH: "It's coooooooooold outside! My armadillo's nose will freeze!"

(4/MOTHER MOVES TO BESIDE 3/ARDITH AND READS LINE AS
BEFORE).

4/MOTHER: "So put a sock on it!"

NARRATOR: said mother. And Ardith did.

(3/ARDITH AND 4/MOTHER RETURN TO CHAIRS. ALL READERS
SIT IN UNISON).

NARRATOR: She covered the armadillo's nose with one of father's

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ALL OR CHILD 5: BIGGEST, WIDEST, LONGEST ANGORA SOCKS.

ALL OR CHILD 6: THE SOCK WAS GREEN.

NARRATOR: Then Ardith and her pet armadillo went off to the mall. The armadillo bought four acoustic guitars and an airline ticket to

ALL: AUSTRALIA!

NARRATOR: And when the shopping was done, Ardith and her pet armadillo

ALL: WENT HOME!

(AS BEFORE, ALL BUT NARRATOR STAND).

ALL OR CHILD 1: ON THE WEDNESDAY BEFORE CHRISTMAS,

(NARRATOR STANDS, AS BEFORE).

NARRATOR: Ardith Magee decided to take her pet anteater out for a Christmas shopping spree.

ALL OR CHILD 2: SHE OPENED HER SIDE DOOR AND CHECKED THE WEATHER.

(MIMED ACTION IS DONE, AS BEFORE).

NARRATOR: Then Ardith called to her mother.

3/ARDITH: "It's cooooooold outside! My anteater's nose will freeze!"

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(4/MOTHER MIMES, AS BEFORE).

4/MOTHER: "So put a sock on it!"

NARRATOR: said mother. And Ardith did.

(3/ARDITH AND 4/MOTHER RETURN TO CHAIRS AND ALL
READERS SIT).

NARRATOR: She covered the anteater's nose with one of father's

ALL OR CHILD 5: BIGGEST, WIDEST, LONGEST, ANGORA SOCKS.

ALL OR CHILD 6: THE SOCK WAS BLUE.

NARRATOR: Then Ardith and her pet anteater went off to the mall. The anteater
bought four big red tins of antbrittle and an airline ticket to

ALL: AUSTRALIA!

NARRATOR: And when the shopping was done, Ardith and her pet anteater

ALL: WENT HOME!

(AS BEFORE, ALL BUT NARRATOR STAND).

ALL OR CHILD 1: ON THE THURSDAY BEFORE CHRISTMAS,

(NARRATOR STANDS, AS BEFORE).

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