

How Elephants got Long Trunks

**How Elephants Got their Long Trunks**

THE CAST

THE NARRATOR .....  
THE LION .....  
THE MONKEY .....  
THE ELEPHANT .....  
THE HIPPO .....  
THE CROCODILE .....

PROPS

A lake (a blue circle of cardboard)

**Music: ethnic African music and sounds from the African savannah.**

**(When the actors are ready, music off and stage lights on)**

THE SCRIPT

**Scene I: the African Savannah**

**Backdrop: the African Savannah**

THE NARRATOR

A long, long time ago elephants did not have long trunks. This is the story about how elephants got long trunks.

**Exit Narrator stage left.**

**Enter Lion and Monkey**

LION

Ufff! What's that terrible smell?

MONKEY

Something is really stinky.

**Enter Elephant**

ELEPHANT

Hi everyone.

LION AND MONKEY

Hi Elly.

LION

Um, Elly, when was the last time you had a bath?

ELEPHANT

Three years ago.

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MONKEY

You are a very smelly elly.

LION

Elly, let's go to the lake and you can have a bath.

ELEPHANT

OK.

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**Scene II: The Lake**

**Backdrop: a lake.**

**(Hippo is in the lake)**

**Enter Elephant**

HIPPO

Hello Elly.

ELEPHANT

Hello Hippo. I need a bath.

HIPPO

Get in!

**(Elephant gets into the lake)**

**Enter Crocodile from stage right, appearing in the lake.**

CROCODILE

Snap! Snap! Snap!

**(Crocodile grabs Elephant from the front)**

ELEPHANT

Help me Hippo. Pull!

**(Hippo pulls on Elephant's tail while Crocodile pulls on Elephant's nose)**

**Enter Monkey.**

HIPPO

Help me Monkey. Pull!

**(Monkey and Hippo pull on Elephant's tail while Crocodile pulls on Elephant's nose)**

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**Enter Lion**

MONKEY  
Help me Lion. Pull!

**(Lion, Monkey and Hippo pull on Elephant's tail while Crocodile pulls on  
Elephant's nose)**

**(Suddenly everyone falls over)**

**Exit Crocodile**

ELEPHANT  
Look! I've got a trunk.

**(Elephant sucks up water with his trunk and sprays himself)**

ELEPHANT  
Look! I'm having a shower.

LION  
Elly, you're clean!

MONKEY  
How do you feel, Elly?

LION  
I feel good nah-na nah-na nah.

**Enter Narrator**

NARRATOR  
How do you feel, everybody?

AUDIENCE AND CAST  
I feel good nah-na nah-na nah.

**(All the animals jump into the lake for a swim)**

NARRATOR  
And all the animals lived happily ever after.

**Music: James Brown: I feel good.**

**THE END**