

Class (407) Name _____ Number _____

HICCUPS FOR ELEPHANT

Characters:

NARRATOR 1, 2, 3
ELEPHANT, CHIMP, LION, ZEBRA, PARROT,
HIPPO, RABBIT, MONKEY 1, 2, MOUSE
CHORUS

ALL: Good afternoon! We are Class 407. We are going to read you an interesting story, Hiccups for Elephant. Hope you'll like it.

NARRATOR 1, 2, 3: It was naptime. Time to take a nap!

ALL: (Brahms' Lullaby)

Lullaby and sleep tight, with roses bedight,
With lilies bespread is animal's wee bed.
Lay you down now and rest.
May your slumber be blessed.
Lay you down now and rest.
May your slumber be blessed.

Shhh...

NARRATOR 1: The forest was quiet. All the animals were fast asleep.

NARRATOR 2: Except for Elephant. He had the hiccups.

ELEPHANT: HICCUP! HICCUP!

CHORUS: Oh no! Elephant had the hiccups. They wouldn't stop.

NARRATOR 3: Chimp woke up.

CHIMP: (Yawn...) What is it?

ELEPHANT: HICCUP! HICCUP!

CHIMP: Poor Elephant! You have the hiccups!

ELEPHANT: HICCUP! Can you cure my hiccups? HICCUP!

CHIMP: Sure! I can cure those hiccups.

ELEPHANT: Really? HICCUP!

CHIMP: Just stand on your head and eat a banana. (Give Elephant a banana.) Here you are.

NARRATOR 1: Elephant gave it a try. He tried very hard to stand on his head.

CHORUS: KA-BOOM!

NARRATOR 2: Elephant came down onto the ground.

ELEPHANT: Oh, I feel dizzy. HICCUP!

CHORUS: Oops! It didn't work!

NARRATOR 1: Lion woke up.

LION: ROAR! What's going on? I was sleeping!

ELEPHANT: HICCUP!

LION: So you have the hiccups!

ELEPHANT: HICCUP! Would you help me, please? HICCUP!

LION: Hmm... (thinking) I got it! I know how to cure those hiccups.

ELEPHANT: Thank you, Lion! HICCUP!

LION: Just drink lots of water very, very fast.

NARRATOR 2: Elephant gave it a try. He ran to the river to drink water.

NARRATOR 3: He drank and drank and drank and drank.

(Elephant makes drinking sounds.)

ELEPHANT: Oh, my stomach is full of water! HICCUP!

CHORUS: Uh-oh, the hiccups didn't stop.

NARRATOR 2: Zebra woke up.

ZEBRA: What's wrong?

ELEPHANT: HICCUP!

ZEBRA: Oh! You have hiccups!

ELEPHANT: HICCUP! Can you stop them for me?

ZEBRA: No problem! I know how to cure those hiccups.

ELEPHANT: Really? HICCUP!

ZEBRA: Just hold your breath and count to 10 . . . BACKWARDS.

NARRATOR 3: Elephant gave it a try.

ELEPHANT: (Take a deep breath)

10, 9, 8, 7, 6, 5, 4, 3, 2, 1,HICCUP!

CHORUS: (Sigh.) The hiccups didn't go away.

NARRATOR 1: Parrot woke up.

PARROT: Don't worry, Elephant! I can cure those hiccups.

ELEPHANT: HICCUP! Are you sure? HICCUP!

PARROT: Yes! Just put this sugar cube in your mouth and eat it!

NARRATOR 3: Elephant gave it a try.

NARRATOR 1: He swallowed the sugar cube right away.

ELEPHANT: HICCUP! HICCUP!

CHORUS: Oh no, the hiccups were still there!

NARRATOR 2: Hippo woke up.

HIPPO: I can help you! I know how to cure your hiccups.

ELEPHANT: Are you... HICCUP... sure? HICCUP!

HIPPO: Breathe in and out of this small paper bag. It works well
for me!

NARRATOR 3: Elephant gave it a try.

ELEPHANT: (Breathe in and out of the paper bag.)

HICCUP! HICCUP!

CHORUS: Oops! It didn't work for Elephant.

NARRATOR 1: Rabbit woke up.

RABBIT: It's my turn! I can cure those hiccups.

ELEPHANT: HICCUP! HICCUP!

RABBIT: Take a few quick swallows of this lemon juice.

NARRATOR 2: Elephant gave it a try.

NARRATOR 3: He took all the lemon juice in ONE swallow.

ELEPHANT: HICCUP! HICCUP!

MONKEY 1: Oh dear! Elephant has tried every hiccup cure he could, but it hasn't done any good!

MONKEY 2: I think his hiccups are getting worse, and he may need a doctor or a nurse.

MONKEY 1: Look! His face has turned red.

MONKEY 2: I'm afraid his insides are going to burst. Someone has got to stop his hiccups!

NARRATOR 1: Just then, Mouse woke up.

MOUSE: What's all the noise? I'm trying to sleep!

ALL ANIMALS: Poor Elephant has the hiccups.

MOUSE: It's not a big deal!

ALL ANIMALS: He has the hiccups all day. And they won't go away!

MOUSE: Is that so? Huh!

NARRATOR 1: Mouse looked Elephant in the eye . . .

MOUSE: BOO!

NARRATOR 2: Elephant was shocked by Mouse's sudden move.

NARRATOR 3: Everyone waited and waited...

NARRATOR 1: Silence!

NARRATOR 2: There were no more hiccups!

CHORUS: Hooray! The hiccups are all gone!

MOUSE: Huh! Works every time!

NARRATOR 3: Now the forest was quiet again.

CHORUS: Shhh....

NARRATOR 1: All the animals fell back to sleep.

NARRATOR 2: Except for Elephant.

ELEPHANT: A-A...AH-CHOO!

ALL: Oh no! Not again!

ELEPHANT: A-A...AH-CHOO!

ALL: (Bow) Thank you.