

Tiddalick the Frog

A play for six members. A person to play the role of Narrator, Tiddalick, Wombat, Echidna, Eel and Kookaburra.

Speaker Dialogue

Narrator: Long, long ago in the Dreamtime in Australia, there lived a greedy frog called Tiddalick. He had been asleep for many days and nights until one day, he finally woke up.

Tiddalick: I'm thirsty! I'm simply desperate for a drink!

Narrator: So he searched for some water. He sat beside a cool billabong filled with fresh water and drank. As he did so, Tiddalick swelled larger and larger.

Tiddalick: But I'm still so thirsty! I had better find some more water to drink.

Narrator: So he searched for more water. He drank all the water he could find, from the rivers, the creeks, the lakes, the lagoons and the billabongs. When he finished, all the land was dry. Tiddalick had grown enormous from all the water inside his stomach.

Tiddalick: *yawns* I'm tired now and very full. I had better get some sleep.

Narrator: Darkness fell and Tiddalick finally fell asleep. The next morning, the strong, hot sun shone down on the dry land. All of the animals woke up feeling very thirsty.

Kookaburra: I'm so thirsty! It's so hot this morning!

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Echidna: Me too. Let's go find something to drink.

Narrator: The animals searched far and wide for water. It soon became very clear that there wasn't any left. Anywhere! The lakes had dried up and the rivers were empty. The animals gathered together. They knew it was the greedy frog, Tiddalick, who had drunk all the water. They were very angry at him.

Wombat: I think we need to come up with a plan to get the water back. I know... why don't we try to make Tiddalick laugh? When his mouth opens wide, all of the water might come rushing out.

Narrator: So the animals tried many different things to make him laugh. They all tried making silly faces but that didn't work.

Echidna: Hey Tiddalick, watch me roll down this hill...Yeeeeeeew!

Narrator: But Tiddalick, didn't laugh.

Kookaburra: Hey Tiddalick, watch me fall out of this tree... Arghhhh!

Narrator: But that didn't work.

Wombat: Hey Tiddalick, watch me dance some of my funniest dance moves... Groovy!

Narrator: But Tiddalick still didn't laugh. Until along came eel...

Eel: Hey Tiddalick, watch me dance...lalalalala... (eel dances himself into a knot)

Narrator: Eel danced so much he accidentally tied himself into a knot! No matter how much he jiggled, he couldn't undo himself.

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Eel: Help help! I'm stuck! Help me!

Narrator: But Tiddalick only smiled. A few drops of water fell from the side of his mouth.

Tiddalick: Dribble Dribble...

Narrator: He smiled a little more and a few more drops spilled out.

Tiddalick: Dribble Dribble...

Narrator: Suddenly, Tiddalick was laughing. He roared and bellowed and hooted with laughter.

Tiddalick: HA HA HA HA HOO HOO HOO!

Narrator: As Tiddalick laughed, the lakes, rivers, streams and water holes all began to fill back up with the water streaming and pouring from his mouth. The animals finally had water to drink.

All: Hooray!

Eel: That will teach you to be greedy, Tiddalick!

Narrator: From that day on, Tiddalick only drank what he needed. There are still frogs in Australia who can fill themselves up with water and save it for a dry day, but they are only small ones. Never again will a giant frog be able to drink up all the water in the land.

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