

MY EASY-TO-READ STORIES

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SILLY DILLY DUCK



Dilly Duck goes to the pond.
Her three little ducklings
go with her.

“Come with me,” says Dilly.
“I will take you for a swim
in the duck pond.”

But the little ducklings are
afraid. They do not want
to go to the duck pond.

“We do not know how to
swim!” they say.

But Dilly Duck does not
hear them.

Silly Dilly Duck!



Bossy Bear plays with his roller-skates. He has a lot of fun.

He sees Dilly Duck come along the lane. He sees the three little ducklings with her.

“Where are you going?” says Bossy Bear.

“To the duck pond,” says the first little duckling.

“But I do not want to go.”



“Why not?” says Bossy Bear.

“I cannot swim,” says
the first little duckling.

“We can play a trick,” says
Bossy Bear.

“I will go to the duck pond.
You stay here. You can play
with my roller-skates.”

The first little duckling
thinks that will be fun.
He puts on the skates.



Dilly Duck is on her way to
have a swim in the duck pond.
The two little ducklings
and Bossy Bear go along too.
But silly Dilly Duck does not
see Bossy Bear.

The two little ducklings and
Bossy Bear think that this
is very funny. Bossy Bear
likes to play funny tricks.



They all go along the lane.
Soon they meet Hoppy Rabbit.
He drives in his little car.
"Where are you going?"
says Hoppy Rabbit.
"To the duck pond," says
the second little duckling.
"But I do not want to go."
"Why not?" says Hoppy.
"I cannot swim," says
the second little duckling.



Hoppy sees Bossy Bear.

"I am a duckling," says Bossy.

Hoppy thinks that this is very funny.

"I will go to the duck pond too," he says. "Duckling can drive my car. This is

a very funny trick. Silly Dilly Duck cannot see us."

The second little duckling gets into Hoppy's car.



They all go along the lane.
Dilly Duck,
 Bossy Bear,
 Hoppy Rabbit
and one little duckling.
But Dilly Duck does not see
her very funny ducklings.



Soon they meet Paddy Dog.
Paddy Dog plays with his
little red scooter.

“Where are you going?”
says Paddy Dog.

“To the duck pond,” says
the third little duckling.

“But I do not want to go.”

“Why not?” says Paddy Dog.

“I cannot swim,” says
the third little duckling.



Paddy Dog thinks that this is very funny.

“Bossy and Hoppy are very funny ducklings,” he says.

“I will play a trick too.

Duckling can play with my little red scooter.

I will be the third little duckling. Silly

Dilly Duck will not see.”



They all go along the lane.
Dilly Duck,
 Bossy Bear,
 Hoppy Rabbit
 and Paddy Dog.
But no little ducklings!
Ozzie Owl is in the old tree.
“Hoo-hoo-hoo!” he hoots.
Cuddly Cat jumps down from
the tree. She thinks they
are all very funny.





But the little ducklings go
too fast. They cannot stop!
SPLASH! SPLASH! SPLASH!
Three little ducklings
fall into the pond.
Bossy Bear, Hoppy Rabbit
and Paddy Dog are all afraid.
“What can we do?
The three little ducklings
cannot swim,” they say.



“You are silly!” says
Dilly Duck.

“You must know that all little
ducklings can swim.”

She hops into the pond too.
Off they go.

Dilly Duck goes first and the
three little ducklings swim
behind her. Silly Dilly Duck
is not so silly after all!



Say these words again

thinks
afraid
first
jumps
duckling
swim
trick

plays
roller-skates
drives
second
funny
scooter
third



What are they doing?



skating



falling



jumping



driving



swimming

PADDY DOG sees a GHOST



Paddy Dog is in his little house. It is a very windy day. Paddy looks out of the window. He sees the leaves falling off the trees.

“It is a good day for doing some washing,” he says.

Paddy Dog likes to be clean.



Paddy goes to get all his
dirty washing.

“My sheets are dirty,” he says,
“and my pillow case too.”

Paddy takes the table cloth.

He takes his scarf and his
dirty socks. He puts all the
dirty things into the wash tub.



Then Paddy Dog fills the wash tub with very hot water.
He puts in lots of soap powder.
Then he rubs and he scrubs until his things are clean.
Paddy goes outside to hang the clean things on the line.
The wind is blowing hard.



“Now I will go and see Dilly Duck,” says Paddy Dog. He goes to the duck pond. Dilly is washing her three little ducklings.

“It is a good day for doing washing,” says Paddy Dog.

“You are silly!” says Dilly.

“The wind is blowing too hard. Look! All your washing is blowing away.”



“Oh no!” says Paddy Dog.
He runs down the lane after
his washing. He finds his
socks in the hedge. He finds
his table cloth on a bush.
Flippy Frog finds the scarf
and pillow case. They are
in the pond.



Poor Paddy Dog.
His washing is all dirty.
He cannot find his sheet.
It is not in the hedge.
It is not in the bush.
It is not by the duck pond.
Is it in the forest?



It is very dark in the forest.
Paddy Dog is afraid.
Something goes "Hoo-hoo-
hoo!"

Paddy sees something white.
It is up in the tree.

"A ghost!" says Paddy Dog.
He is not very brave.
Paddy Dog runs away fast.



Paddy runs to Hoppy Rabbit's house. Hoppy is outside, washing his little car.

He rubs and he scrubs until it is clean.

"There is a ghost in the forest!" says Paddy.

"No," says Hoppy Rabbit.

"Yes," says Paddy. "It is up in the tree."

"Let us tell Bossy Bear," says Hoppy Rabbit.



They run to Bossy Bear's house. Bossy is outside, washing the windows.

He rubs and he scrubs until they are clean.

"There is a ghost in the forest!" say Hoppy and Paddy.

"No," says Bossy.

"Yes," say Hoppy and Paddy.

"It is up in the tree."

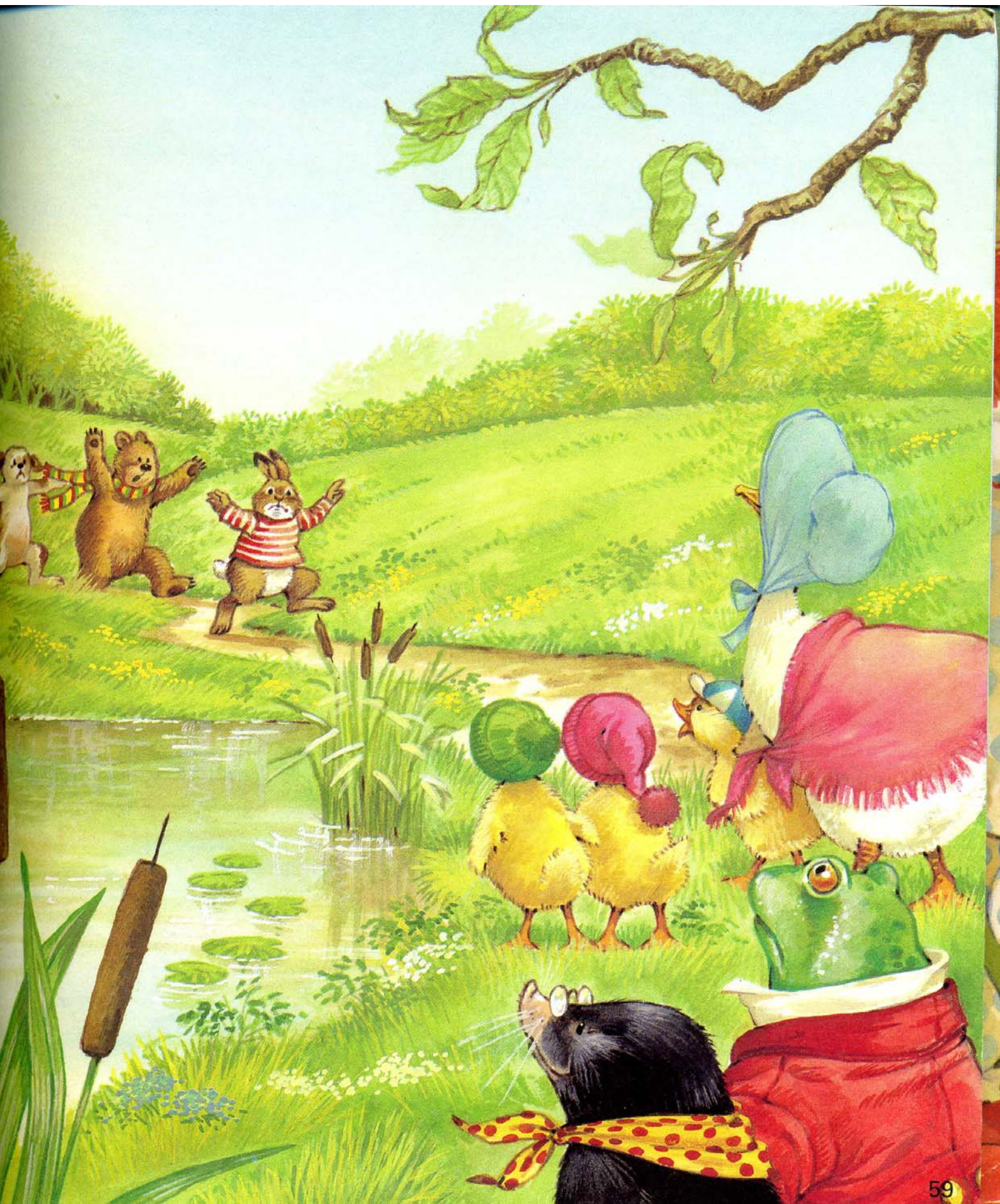
"Let us tell Dilly Duck," says Bossy.



Dilly and her ducklings are by the duck pond. Merry Mole and Flippy Frog are there too. "There is a ghost in the forest!" say Paddy and Hoppy and Bossy.

"You are silly!" says Dilly.

"Come and see," says Paddy Dog.



So they all go to the forest.
They are afraid, but they
try to be brave.
Then they see something
white in the tree.
“Hoo-hoo-hoo!” it goes.
They all hear it.
“It is a ghost!” says Dilly.
They are not brave at all.
They run away.



Then Cuddly Cat comes by.
She sees something white.
“Hoo-hoo-hoo!” it goes.
“What is that?” says Cuddly.
“It is a ghost in the tree,”
says Paddy Dog.
“I will go and see,” says
Cuddly Cat.
“Look out!” says Hoppy.
“The ghost will get you!”



But Cuddly is very brave.
She goes up in the tree.
She lifts up part of the sheet.
“Hoo-hoo-hoo!”
“Look!” says Cuddly Cat.
They all shout,
“We know you!”
It is not a ghost.
It is Ozzie Owl!



Say these words again

windy
blowing
washing
window
outside

clean
shout
pillow
soap powder
something



What can you see?



tub



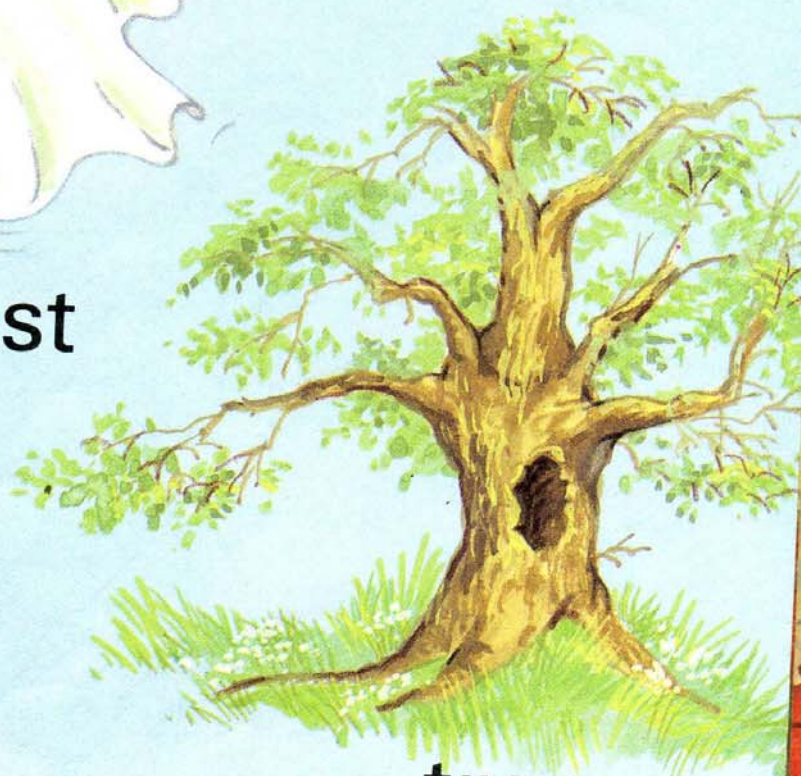
window



ghost



car



tree

HAPPY HOPPY RABBIT



It is Hoppy Rabbit's birthday.
He puts out all the things
for his birthday party.
He finds a cloth to put
on the table. He puts the
food on the table too. There
are lots of good things
to eat.



All Hoppy's friends come to the party. Paddy Dog and Bossy Bear come first.

"Happy Birthday, Hoppy!" they say.

"Here is a present for you," says Paddy. He gives Hoppy a big red ball.

"Thank you," says Hoppy, "I like to play games with a ball."



Bossy Bear has a present for Hoppy too.

“Oh, look. It is a kite!”
says Hoppy.

“Look, here come Merry Mole and Flippy Frog,” says Bossy.

“Happy Birthday, Hoppy,” they say. Flippy gives Hoppy a big bunch of flowers.

“I like flowers,” says Hoppy.



Merry Mole has some carrots
for Hoppy.

“I like eating carrots,”
he says. “Thank you.”

Then Cuddly Cat comes with
a big basket.

“Thank you,” says Hoppy.
He puts all his presents
into the basket.



Here comes Dilly Duck with her three little ducklings. She has made a birthday cake for Hoppy. The ducklings give him lots and lots of big balloons. Hoppy is very happy with all his birthday presents.



“Time to eat!” says Hoppy.
They all go to the table
and they begin to eat.
They eat and they eat until
all the food is gone.
“I like birthdays,” says
Hoppy. “Time to play some
games now.”



They go outside to play with the big red ball. Hoppy throws it to Paddy. He throws it high into the air. The others try to catch it. They jump up high, but no one can get the ball. Then Cuddly Cat jumps up on to the fence. Now she can catch it.

“This is a very good game!” says Cuddly.



The wind begins to blow.
“Good!” says Hoppy. “Now
I can play with my kite.”
He gets the red and blue kite
and he begins to run. The
wind is blowing hard, and
the kite goes up in the air.
“Look at it fly!” says
Bossy Bear.



“Let me have a go,” says Paddy.

The kite goes up in the air.

“Let me have a go,” says Dilly.

She begins to run, but she does not see Flippy Frog.

BUMP!

She falls over poor Flippy.
Silly Dilly Duck!



Dilly lets go of the kite and
it goes up into the air.
“Oh no!” they all say.
Hoppy, Paddy and Bossy
jump up to catch it. But it is
stuck high up in the tree.
They cannot get it.



Poor Hoppy Rabbit.

He is not very happy now.

“Look!” says Bossy. “I can get it for you.”

Bossy gets up into the tree.

He gets the kite and he begins to come down.



Then Bossy stops.

“Oh no!” he says.

“I am stuck!”

Bossy cannot get down.

“What can we do?” says Dilly.

“Look!” says Hoppy. He runs to get all the balloons.

Then he gets the basket.

He ties the balloons to the basket. Then he lets it go.



Up goes the basket!
It goes up into the tree.
“Get in, Bossy!” says Hoppy.
So Bossy gets into the basket
and it begins to come down.
Down and down it comes.
BUMP!
The basket is down,
Bossy is down,
and the kite is down too!
“What a happy birthday!”
says happy Hoppy Rabbit.



Say these words again

cloth

friends

food

eat

first

present

games

outside

air

throws

catch

jumps

wind

stuck



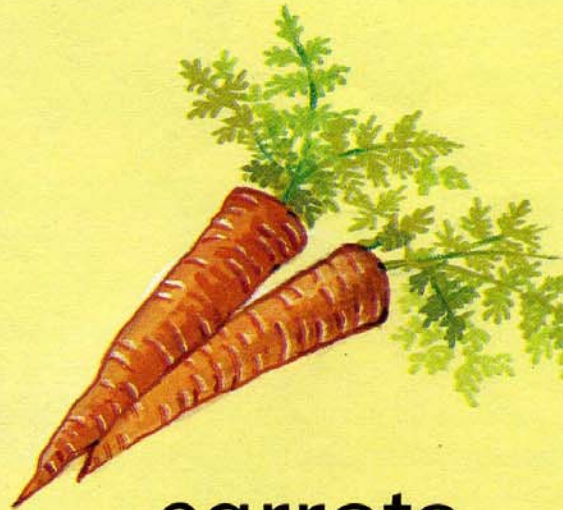
What can you see?



flowers



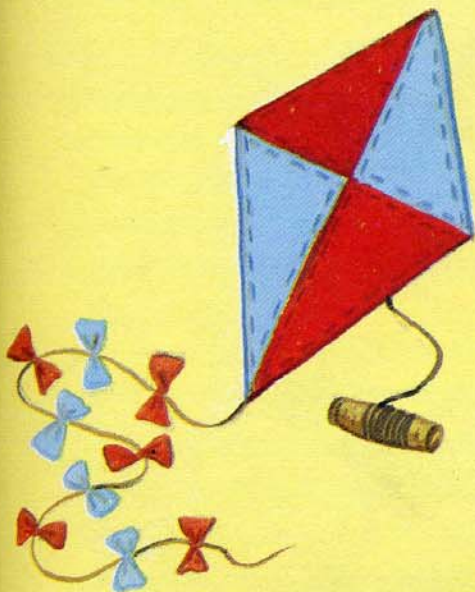
ball



carrots



balloons



kite



basket

BOSSY BEAR at the CIRCUS



The circus is in town!
Bossy Bear loves the circus.
He runs to tell his friend,
Hoppy Rabbit.

"The circus is in town!"
says Bossy.

"I love the circus," says
Hoppy. "Come on,
we must go."

They get into Hoppy's car
and off they go.



They stop at Paddy Dog's house. He is outside.

"The circus is in town!" say Bossy and Hoppy.

"I love the circus," says Paddy. "I want to go too."

"Hop into the car," says Hoppy Rabbit.

Paddy gets into the car and off they go.



They stop at the duck pond. Dilly Duck and her three ducklings are there with Merry Mole and Flippy Frog.

"The circus is in town!" say Bossy and Hoppy and Paddy.

"We love the circus. We want to go too," say the three little ducklings.

"Hop into the car," says Hoppy Rabbit.

They all get into the car and off they go.



Soon they get to the big
circus tent. They go inside.
Then the circus begins.

“Look, here come the lions!”
says Hoppy Rabbit.

The lions do lots of tricks.

“I can do tricks too,” says
Bossy Bear. “Look at me!”
He runs into the circus ring.



But the lions are cross with Bossy. They hit him with their big paws and he falls down.
BUMP!

“Oh! Oh! Stop it!” says Bossy. The lions roar at him and Bossy Bear runs away.

“He is very funny,” say Merry Mole and Flippy Frog.

“He is very SILLY!” says Dilly Duck.



“Here come the sea lions!”
says Paddy Dog.
The sea lions are very clever.
They do lots of tricks.
“I can do tricks too,” says
Bossy Bear. “Look at me!”
He goes into the circus ring
with the sea lions. He takes
a big blue ball and puts it
on his nose.



But the sea lions are cross with Bossy. They want the blue ball back. They slap him with their flippers and throw wet fish at him.

“Oh! Oh! Stop it!” says Bossy. He runs out of the ring.

The sea lions move after him.

“Bossy is funny,” say Merry Mole and Flippy Frog.



“Look at the elephants!”
says Dilly to her ducklings.
The elephants go round the
circus ring. Each one holds
on to the next one’s tail.
Last of all comes a little
baby elephant.

“I love the baby elephant,”
says Cuddly Cat.



Bossy runs into the ring and pulls the tail of the baby elephant.

“Look at me!” says Bossy Bear.

But the baby elephant is very cross. It slaps Bossy with its trunk.

Bossy Bear falls down.

BUMP!

“Bossy is very funny,” say the three little ducklings.



“Look, here come the clowns!”
they all say. The clowns run
into the ring. They have
a bucket of water and a big
bucket of paste. They can do
very clever tricks. They do
not get wet. They do not
get sticky.

“I can do tricks too!”
says Bossy Bear.



"Come here, Bossy," say the clowns. "Come and be the new circus clown."

They give him a funny hat and big black boots. Then they give him a big red nose.

"Here is a funny new clown!" they all say.

"Look at me!" says Bossy Bear.



Bossy can do some tricks, but he is not so clever. His boots are much too big for him and he falls over.

BUMP!

He falls into the bucket of water. Then he falls into the bucket of paste.

Poor Bossy is very wet and very sticky.

But he does look funny!



“Stay and be a clown, Bossy,”
say the other clowns.

“Oh no, Bossy!” says Cuddly.

“Oh no, Bossy!” says Dilly.

Bossy is very wet and sticky.

He is very cross too.

“No!” says Bossy. “The circus
is no fun for a clown. I think
I will just be Bossy Bear!”



Say these words again

sticky
flippers
paws
roars
blue
throws
slaps

last
baby
tail
trunk
bucket
water
paste



What can you see?



elephant



circus tent



lion



clown



sea lion