

Garden Party

Active Stories



1

Hi I'm Emma, I'm having a really bad day
I'm missing my Nan and it's her birthday.

Instead of a present I'll put on a show!

But what to perform? Oh I just don't know!

Let's look in the garden to get some ideas

The animals are safe, there's no need to fear.

In fact, let's look. They want to help me - let's go!

Will you also help me and perform in my show?

These animals each have a special trick

So let's have a look and decide whose to pick.

They're all in a line. Let's watch and then copy

Look first it's a squirrel and his tail is all floppy!



2

'Hi everyone my name is Bran
And I've got the perfect trick to show your Gran

I can pick up 10 nuts and stuff them in my cheeks

(find nuts and stuffing them in your mouth)

Then I dig in the ground and bury them deep.'

(dig in different points on the floor and place nuts in each hole)

'They may look like they've gone but I know where they are.

Now when I need food I don't have to look far.

When I stuff the nuts in, my cheeks get wider and wider.

Much better than the trick you'll see from this spider.'



3

'Hey!! I scurry around using all of my 8 legs

And shoot out extra strong silk to make a big web.

My trick is amazing, I'm bound to win,
Copy me if you can I've got a web to spin.'

(scuttle on all fours in circles, shooting silk to make a web)



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'That's not amazing! I'm Barry the blackbird
And my showpiece is best. Haven't you heard?

I use my beak to pick up twigs 1,2,3

To make a cosy nest up high in that tree.

(bend from the hips to pick up twigs then 'fly' away up a tree)

My nest is fantastic. I'm sure you're impressed.

Much better than Spider, and all the rest.

Well, I hope that you liked it. It's the end of my turn.

Up next in the line is a wiggly worm.'



5

'Hi I'm Wally and I look the same from both ends,
Who wouldn't want such an incredible friend?!
My special talent is done deep underground
I can dig massive tunnels without making a sound.

I slither and slide you don't know I'm there
But I tunnel away without ever a care.
It's really quite tricky, why don't you give it a go.
(slither on the floor)
It will make a great slimy, slithery part of your show!

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'Ha! Making tunnels? Is that all you've got?
I do that for fun. You don't have a shot!
I'm nature's strongest insect. Look I am great!
Ants like me can carry 50 times my own weight!

I lift up big things and move them with no fuss
And it's not just me, there's hundreds of us!
We all form a line and we work as a team!
We're nature's strongmen. It works like a dream!
(mime lifting a big object and carry it above your head. Form a line and march smartly)



7

'I can beat that, no problem at all
When I get scared I roll into a ball
I'm a hedgehog you see, Hallie's the name,
See if you can roll up and I'll do the same.

(roll up into a tight ball)

Not only that but I'm covered in spikes
So things cannot eat me, try as they might.
I come out at night, it's not safe in the day
And when things start to look scary, I just roll away!
(roll away like a ball)



8

'Rolling away! What kind of talent is that?
Us foxes aren't scared of anything. Fact!
I'm so light on my feet and my footsteps are
fleeting

My creeping ability will take some beating!

I sneak into gardens and eat everything
I've even been known to sneak into bins!
You have to be quiet and creep nice and slow.

My trick's being sneaky. Perfect for your show!

(creep around, looking around furtively)

9

'Don't listen to Fox- he's just a big lump
I'm Carrie the Cricket and see how I jump!
I'm easy the best jumper for miles around
Just look at how high I get off the ground.

I jump and I jump there's so much to see!
I wonder if you can jump as far as me!?
Bend your knees, tuck up nice and tight
Then spring high and spring far with all of
your might!

(from a tuck position, jump straight up
pulling knees into your chest)

10

It's too hard to decide which
animal's trick is the best
I'm going to practice them all,
there's no time to rest!

I've got lots of new moves for
my Granny's Animal Show.

Why don't you make your own?
Go on, have a go!

(children recall all animal moves
and make their own sequence)

