

The Gruffalo

The Narrator comes on down centre stage to where the book of 'The Gruffalo' is placed. They open the book and address the audience.

NARRATOR

Welcome to The Gruffalo! I hope you are all having a wonderful Friday.
Enjoy!

Narrator walks and places themselves down stage left.

ENSEMBLE

(singing)

Welcome to the forest,
Welcome to the forest,
There are lots of different animals.

ENSEMBLE

A mouse took a stroll in the deep, dark wood.

Enter Mouse stage left.

NARRATOR

A fox saw the mouse and the mouse looked good!

Ensemble gasp!

Enter Fox stage right.

FOX

Where are you going to little, brown mouse?
Come and have lunch in my underground house.

MOUSE

That's terribly kind of you, Fox, but no -
I'm having lunch with a Gruffalo.
(Ensemble dramatic 'dun dun durrrrr')

FOX

A Gruffalo!? What's a Gruffalo?

MOUSE

A Gruffalo! Why, didn't you know?

ENSEMBLE

(Ensemble, stage right)

He has terrible tusks -

ENSEMBLE

(Ensemble, stage left)

And terrible claws -

ENSEMBLE

(Ensemble, stage right)

And terrible teeth in his terrible jaws!

FOX

Where are you meeting him?

MOUSE

Here, by the rocks,

Fox goes to attack Mouse.

MOUSE

and his favourite food is roasted fox!

FOX

(Shriek)

I'll be off!

Exit Fox stage right.

MOUSE

Silly, old fox, doesn't he know.

ENSEMBLE

There's no such thing as a Gruffalo!

NARRATOR

An Owl took a stroll through the deep, dark wood.

Enter Owl stage left. They fly across, down stage right. There, they notice Mouse centre stage and fly to meet them.

OWL

Where are you going to little, brown mouse?
Come and have tea in my treetop house.

MOUSE

That's terribly kind of you, Owl, but no -
I'm having tea with a Gruffalo.

OWL

A Gruffalo!? What's a Gruffalo?

MOUSE

A Gruffalo! Why, didn't you know?

ENSEMBLE

(Ensemble, stage right)
He has knobbly knees -

ENSEMBLE

(Ensemble, stage left)
And turned-out toes -

ENSEMBLE

(Ensemble, stage right)
And a poisonous wart at the end of his nose!

OWL

Where are you meeting him?

MOUSE

Here, by the stream.

Owl swoops in to eat him.

MOUSE

And his favourite food is owl ice cream!

OWL

Twit-twoo, twit-twoo.

Owl exits stage left.

MOUSE

Silly, old Owl, doesn't he know.

ENSEMBLE

There's no such thing as a Gruffalo!

NARRATOR

A Snake took a stroll through the deep, dark wood.

Enter Snake stage right. They creep behind the Mouse who is still centre stage and place their hands over the Mouses shoulder, slivering down their arm as if their hands are the head of the snake.

SNAKE

Where are you going to little, brown mous-s-s-se?

Come for a fea-s-s-s-st in my logpile hous-s-s-se.

MOUSE

That's terribly kind of you, Snake, but no -

I'm having a feast with a Gruffalo.

SNAKE

A Gruffalo!? What's-s-s-s a Gruffalo?

MOUSE

A Gruffalo! Why, didn't you know?

ENSEMBLE

(Ensemble, stage right)

His eyes are orange -

ENSEMBLE

(Ensemble, stage left)

His tongue is black -

ENSEMBLE

(Ensemble, stage right)

He has purple prickles all over his back!

SNAKE

Where are you meeting him?

MOUSE

Here, by the lake.

Snake goes to open its mouth with their hands to attack Mouse.

MOUSE

And his favourite food is scrambled snake!

SNAKE

S-s-s-s-s-s-orry!

Snake exits, stage right.

MOUSE

Silly, old Snake, doesn't he know.

ENSEMBLE

There's no such thing as a Gruffalo!

Narrator dances their way to centre stage.

NARRATOR

What are you all waiting for?

Everyone looks confused. Sounds of 'huh' and shrugs can be heard and seen.

NARRATOR

Dance break!!

Hit it (name of whoever is leading the class..)

Dance break.

NARRATOR

Carry on!

Everyone goes back to their places.

MOUSE

A Gruffalo! As if they all believed me in thinking there was a Gruffa -

Enter The Gruffalo, stage right.

SHREW

Mouse, mouse, look out!

MOUSE

(Shocked!)

-llooooooooooooo.

The Gruffalo walks centre stage to the Mouse and goes to sniff them.

ENSEMBLE

(Shrieking)

The Gruffalo!!!!

GRUFFALO

My favourite snack! You'll taste good on a slice of bread!!

MOUSE

Good!? I'm not good!

I'm the scariest creature in all of the wood!

Everyone nods and agrees!

GRUFFALO

Fine then. I'll follow you.

The Gruffal follows the Mouse ending up down stage right.

NARRATOR

And since that day, the Mouse and The Gruffalo became
life-long friends!

MOUSE

See, I'm not really that scary.
Oh, look!

Mouse points on the floor just in front of them.

MOUSE

An acorn!

Mouse picks up the acorn and skips off stage left.

The Gruffalo then moves centre stage.

GRUFFALO

And they said there's no such thing as a Gruffalo...

The Gruffalo exits stage right.

All come back on stage in a line.

EVERYONE

The end.

Everyone bows.

Narrator comes down stage, centre.

NARRATOR

Now it's really the end.

Narrator closes the book and places it in front of them, where they picked the book up
from at the beginning.

Narrator goes to exit stage right.

SHREW

(Enters stage left, sniffing and making noises, completely oblivious..)

NARRATOR

(in a whisper)

No, no! It's the end of the play.

(to the audience)

Sorry!

End.