



The Mitten

An old folk tale

Theater script developed
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Narrator 1
Narrator 2
Narrator 3
Narrator 4

Grandmother
Alexi
Snowman

Flea
Mouse
Rabbit
Raccoon
Fox
Bear



Scene 1: In the house. Table with table cloth and two chairs. Knitting needles, wool, a pair of mittens, boots, jacket, hat, scarf.

Character and Actions	Speech
Narrator 4	Hello and welcome to our story <i>The Mitten</i> . This is Alexi. He lives with his grandmother in a small house in the woods.
Alexi <i>points at grandmother</i>	Hi everybody! I'm Alexi. This is my grandmother. Look, she is knitting. She knits all the time!
Grandmother <i>is knitting</i>	Yes, I love knitting! Oh, sorry. I forgot to say hello. Hello girls and boys!

Narrator 2	It is winter. It is cold and snowy outside. Alexi wants to go outside and play in the snow.
Alexi	Grandma, can I go outside and play in the snow?
Grandmother	But it's so cold outside!
Alexi	Please?
Grandmother	Alright.
Alexi <i>puts his boots on</i>	Great!
Narrator 4	Alexi is getting ready. Look! He is putting his boots on.
Narrator 1	Look! Grandmother has made new mittens for Alexi.
Grandmother	Look, Alexi! I have made new mittens for you. They will keep your hands nice and warm. Now, when you play in the snow you will not be cold.
Alexi <i>runs out</i>	Oh, thank you, grandma! They are the most beautiful mittens I have ever seen! Bye!
Grandmother	Put on your jacket!
Alexi <i>comes back; puts the jacket on; runs out</i>	Oh! Bye!
Grandmother	Put on your scarf!
Alexi <i>comes back; puts the scarf on; runs out</i>	Oh! Bye!
Grandmother	Put on your hat!
Alexi <i>comes back; puts the hat on; runs out</i>	Oh! Now, I'm ready! Bye again!
Grandmother	Oh dear!



Scene 2: In the woods.

White bed sheets to shape landscape. Snowman character covered in white bedsheet with eyes and mouth painted on it.

Broom, old flower pot, cucumber, 1 pair of mittens.

<i>Character and Actions</i>	<i>Speech</i>
Narrator 4	Look! Alexi is outside. He is playing in the snow. He is making a snowman.
Narrator 3	But where are his mittens?

Alexi <i>shows the mittens</i>	I am soooo hot. I don't need my mittens. I'll put them in my pocket. I must not lose them. Grandma would be very sad if I did.
Alexi <i>singing or rapping and patting the snowman; turns around to get the broom</i>	When all the snow is on the ground I'll make a snowman big and round.
Snowman <i>moves from his spot quietly</i>	
Alexi <i>turns around and sees that the snowman has moved; gives the snowman the broom; looks around and sees an old flower pot</i>	And now the broom. Oh! And now you need a hat. Ah! An old flower pot. The perfect hat for a snowman.
Snowman <i>shakes his head and moves from his spot</i>	
Alexi <i>turns around and sees that the snowman has moved; turns around to take the cucumber out but then looks quickly at the snowman and smiles</i>	Here is your hat. Oh! And you need a nose. Look! I have a cucumber in my pocket.
Snowman <i>wants to move but only makes a little jump</i>	
Alexi <i>Smiles at the snowman and takes the carrot out of the pocket; one mitten falls out; puts the carrot into the snowman's face and turns around again</i>	A cucumber for your nose. Hm. What next?
Snowman <i>takes the cucumber and throws it far away</i>	Yuck!
Alexi <i>turns around and looks at the snowman; turns and runs off to look for the cucumber;</i>	Oh! Hey! Where is your nose?
Snowman <i>giggles and runs away</i>	Hehehe!

Narrator 4	Look at this! Alexi has lost his mitten!
Alexi <i>takes one mitten out of his pocket and looks around</i>	Oh no! Only one mitten! Where is my other mitten? What will grandma say? I must look for it!



<i>Scene 3: In the woods. White bed sheets to shape landscape. Huge mitten (cardboard or wooden) for the animals to hide behind.</i>	
<i>Character and Actions</i>	<i>Speech</i>
Narrator 1	Look, a little mouse! She sees the mitten.
Mouse <i>comes on stage and looks at the mitten</i>	It's so cold in the wood. Oh, a mitten!
Mouse	I am as cold as cold can be. What a warm little house this will make for me! I shall live here most happily!
Narrator 2	In creeps the mouse.
Narrator 3	A raccoon is coming by. He sees the mitten
Raccoon <i>comes on stage and looks at the mitten</i>	It's so cold in the wood. Oh, a mitten!
Raccoon	I am as cold as cold can be. What a warm little house this will make for me! I shall live here most happily!
Mouse	Come in my friend! I am small. There is enough room for us all.
Narrator 2	In climbs the raccoon. Now there are a mouse and a raccoon in the mitten.
Narrator 3	A rabbit is hopping along. He sees the mitten.
Rabbit <i>comes on stage and looks at the mitten</i>	It's so cold in the wood. Oh, a mitten!
Rabbit	I am as cold as cold can be. What a warm little house this will make for me! I shall live here most happily!
Mouse	Come in my friend!
Raccoon	Yes! We are small. There is enough room for us all.
Narrator 1	In creeps the rabbit. Now there are a mouse, a raccoon and a rabbit in the mitten.
Narrator 3	A fox is running by. He sees the mitten.

Fox <i>comes on stage and looks at the mitten</i>	It's so cold in the wood. Oh, a mitten!
Fox	I am as cold as cold can be. What a warm little house this will make for me! I shall live here most happily!
Mouse	Come in my friend!
Raccoon	Yes! We are small. There is enough room for us all.
Rabbit	Come and join us but don't eat us!
Narrator 2	In climbs the fox. Now there are a mouse, a raccoon, a rabbit and a fox in the mitten.
Narrator 1	The mitten is getting bigger and bigger.
Narrator 3	A bear is coming by. He sees the mitten.
Bear <i>comes on stage and looks at the mitten</i>	It's so cold in the wood. Oh, a mitten!
Bear	I am as cold as cold can be. What a warm little house this will make for me! I shall live here most happily!
Mouse	Wait! You are too big!
Raccoon	Yes, we are crowded in here already!
Fox	There isn't any room for you Mr. Bear. Sorry.
Narrator 1	But the bear does not listen. He pushes his way into the crowded mitten.
Mouse, raccoon, rabbit and fox	Help!
Narrator 2	Now there are a mouse, a raccoon, a rabbit a fox AND a bear in the mitten.
Narrator 1	The mitten is getting biggerand bigger.
Narrator 3	A flea is hopping by. Oh no! He wants to get into the mitten too.
Mouse	Wait! You cannot fit in here!
Raccoon	Yes, we are crowded in here already!
Fox	There isn't any room for you Mr. Flea. Sorry.
Rabbit	Please do not come in!
Bear	My friends are right. This mitten is really tight.
Flea	Nonsense! There is room for me! I am very tiny as you can see!
Narrator 1	In hops the flea.
Mouse, raccoon, rabbit, fox and bear	Help!

Flea <i>hops in;</i> <i>looks out again smiles</i>	I can do this easily! I told you there was room for me!
Narrator 2	Now there are a mouse, a raccoon, a rabbit a fox, AND a bear AND a flea in the mitten.
Narrator 1	The mitten is getting biggerand even bigger.
Narrator 3	The animals are so very crowded that the little flea has to sneeze.
Flea loudly	Ah...Ah... Ah...Ah...Ah...CHOO!
Narrator 1	What a loud sneeze from such a tiny animal!
Narrator 2	Look, what this sneeze has done!
Narrator 3	The mitten is flying through the snow.
Narrator 1	And all the animals are running away.
Narrator 2 <i>looking around</i>	Where is the mitten now? Can you see it?
Narrator 4 <i>pointing towards... (the audience?)</i>	I can see it. It is in front of the house. And look! Alexi is still looking for his mitten.



<i>Scene 4: In front of the house. White bed sheets to shape landscape. Background poster with the little house. 1 pair of mittens.</i>	
Character and Actions	Speech
Alexi <i>walking around sadly, looking for his mitten</i>	I cannot find my mitten. What will grandma say?
Narrator 4	Alexi is walking home sadly. But then...
Alexi <i>looks around</i> <i>moves towards the house</i>	What is this? My lost mitten! How did it get here? Oh well, I have my two mittens again. Great! Now I can go home!
Narrator 4	The end.

