



# 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
<b>Narrator 4</b>	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.
<b>Alexi</b> <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!

<b>Narrator 2</b>	It is winter. It is cold and snowy outside. Alexi wants to go outside and play in the snow.
<b>Alexi</b>	Grandma, can I go outside and play in the snow?
<b>Grandmother</b>	But it's so cold outside!
<b>Alexi</b>	Please?
<b>Grandmother</b>	Alright.
<b>Alexi</b> <i>puts his boots on</i>	Great!
<b>Narrator 4</b>	Alexi is getting ready. Look! He is putting his boots on.
<b>Narrator 1</b>	Look! Grandmother has made new mittens for Alexi.
<b>Grandmother</b>	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.
<b>Alexi</b> <i>runs out</i>	Oh, thank you, grandma! They are the most beautiful mittens I have ever seen! Bye!
<b>Grandmother</b>	Put on your jacket!
<b>Alexi</b> <i>comes back; puts the jacket on; runs out</i>	Oh! Bye!
<b>Grandmother</b>	Put on your scarf!
<b>Alexi</b> <i>comes back; puts the scarf on; runs out</i>	Oh! Bye!
<b>Grandmother</b>	Put on your hat!
<b>Alexi</b> <i>comes back; puts the hat on; runs out</i>	Oh! Now, I'm ready! Bye again!
<b>Grandmother</b>	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>
<b>Narrator 4</b>	Look! Alexi is outside. He is playing in the snow. He is making a snowman.
<b>Narrator 3</b>	But where are his mittens?

<b>Alexi</b> <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.
<b>Alexi</b> <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.
<b>Snowman</b> <i>moves from his spot quietly</i>	
<b>Alexi</b> <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.
<b>Snowman</b> <i>shakes his head and moves from his spot</i>	
<b>Alexi</b> <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.
<b>Snowman</b> <i>wants to move but only makes a little jump</i>	
<b>Alexi</b> <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?
<b>Snowman</b> <i>takes the cucumber and throws it far away</i>	Yuck!
<b>Alexi</b> <i>turns around and looks at the snowman; turns and runs off to look for the cucumber;</i>	Oh!  Hey! Where is your nose?
<b>Snowman</b> <i>giggles and runs away</i>	Hehehe!

<b>Narrator 4</b>	Look at this! Alexi has lost his mitten!
<b>Alexi</b> <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>
<b>Narrator 1</b>	Look, a little mouse! She sees the mitten.
<b>Mouse</b> <i>comes on stage and looks at the mitten</i>	It's so cold in the wood.  Oh, a mitten!
<b>Mouse</b>	I am as cold as cold can be. What a warm little house this will make for me! I shall live here most happily!
<b>Narrator 2</b>	In creeps the mouse.
<b>Narrator 3</b>	A raccoon is coming by. He sees the mitten
<b>Raccoon</b> <i>comes on stage and looks at the mitten</i>	It's so cold in the wood.  Oh, a mitten!
<b>Raccoon</b>	I am as cold as cold can be. What a warm little house this will make for me! I shall live here most happily!
<b>Mouse</b>	Come in my friend! I am small. There is enough room for us all.
<b>Narrator 2</b>	In climbs the raccoon. Now there are a mouse and a raccoon in the mitten.
<b>Narrator 3</b>	A rabbit is hopping along. He sees the mitten.
<b>Rabbit</b> <i>comes on stage and looks at the mitten</i>	It's so cold in the wood.  Oh, a mitten!
<b>Rabbit</b>	I am as cold as cold can be. What a warm little house this will make for me! I shall live here most happily!
<b>Mouse</b>	Come in my friend!
<b>Raccoon</b>	Yes! We are small. There is enough room for us all.
<b>Narrator 1</b>	In creeps the rabbit. Now there are a mouse, a raccoon and a rabbit in the mitten.
<b>Narrator 3</b>	A fox is running by. He sees the mitten.

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

<b>Flea</b> <i>hops in;</i> <i>looks out again smiles</i>	I can do this easily! I told you there was room for me!
<b>Narrator 2</b>	Now there are a mouse, a raccoon, a rabbit a fox, AND a bear AND a flea in the mitten.
<b>Narrator 1</b>	The mitten is getting bigger ... ...and even bigger.
<b>Narrator 3</b>	The animals are so very crowded that the little flea has to sneeze.
<b>Flea loudly</b>	Ah...Ah... Ah...Ah...Ah...CHOO!
<b>Narrator 1</b>	What a loud sneeze from such a tiny animal!
<b>Narrator 2</b>	Look, what this sneeze has done!
<b>Narrator 3</b>	The mitten is flying through the snow.
<b>Narrator 1</b>	And all the animals are running away.
<b>Narrator 2</b> <i>looking around</i>	Where is the mitten now? Can you see it?
<b>Narrator 4</b> <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>	
<b>Character and Actions</b>	<b>Speech</b>
<b>Alexi</b> <i>walking around sadly, looking for his mitten</i>	I cannot find my mitten. What will grandma say?
<b>Narrator 4</b>	Alexi is walking home sadly. But then...
<b>Alexi</b> <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!
<b>Narrator 4</b>	The end.

