



SCRIPT | LIFE SCIENCE SKIT | BEATRICE THE BEDTIME BAT

Instructions:

Take turns reading the dialogue in the script on the next pages and practice moving according to the stage directions. Then make costumes out of things you can find at home, like scarves, masks, fabric, towels, hats, and anything else that is okay for you to use. When you are ready to perform this skit for your family or friends, read the script as you act out the parts or try your hand at memorizing the lines! You can also add or change lines and add additional characters too. Have fun with this story about nocturnal (nighttime) and diurnal (daytime) animals!



Beatrice

The Story:

Beatrice is a brown bat that doesn't realize she's nocturnal (an animal that is awake at night)! She wakes in the morning, just as her family members are returning to their cave in the woods after a night of hunting insects. Her parents don't know what to think of her strange ways!

One morning, Beatrice embarks on a daytime adventure to find other diurnal (daytime) animals. She meets Robin (an American robin) who introduces her to a variety of creatures who are active during the day. But no one that Beatrice meets looks like her.

Then Robin takes her to meet Olivia the Owl who explains that sometimes being a young bat can be confusing and feel a little mixed-up sometimes. She advises Beatrice to grab onto a tree branch, hang upside down, and count to 100.

Beatrice does as she's advised, and she only manages to count to five before she falls fast asleep!

The Characters

Beatrice the Bat

Bart, Belinda, and Bravo (Beatrice's siblings)

Brenda and Boris (Beatrice's parents)

Robin the Robin (Beatrice's friend)

Olivia the Owl

The Script

STAGE DIRECTION	DIALOGUE
Beatrice, a little brown bat, wakes up in her family's cave and stretches her wings	Beatrice: "What a beautiful morning! I can't wait to get started on my day."
Beatrice looks around to see her family members returning to the cave after hunting for insects at night	Beatrice: "Hey wait. What are you all doing? The sun is coming up and it's time to go outside to explore!"
Beatrice's family members look at her like she's crazy. Brenda, her Mom, gently places a wing around her daughter.	Brenda: "Beatrice, you're not supposed to be awake now. You're nocturnal. This means you're awake at night and asleep during the day."
Beatrice's family goes to sleep in the cave. Beatrice is still wide awake.	Beatrice: [Whispering] "I know I'm supposed to be sleepy right now, but I'm not tired! I'm going to go outside and find some other animals who are like me."
Beatrice flies out of the cave and lands on a tree. She hangs upside down and looks around.	Beatrice: "Wow, I've never been outside before."
A robin lands on the same branch, just a few inches from Beatrice.	Robin: "Oh, hi there, my name is Robin and I'm an American robin. I flew over here because I haven't seen a bat out on this tree during the daytime before."

<p>Beatrice looks up at Robin.</p>	<p>Beatrice: “I know, I’m supposed to hunt for insects at night and sleep during the day, BUT I’M NOT SLEEPY!”</p>
<p>Robin tries to hang upside down with Beatrice but can’t and scrambles back up on top of the branch.</p>	<p>Robin: “Whoa, well I’m definitely not a bat. But we can both fly. Would you like to meet some other animals that are awake during the day?”</p>
<p>Beatrice flaps her wings excitedly.</p>	<p>Beatrice: “Yes, that would be wonderful!”</p>
<p>Robin and Beatrice fly away over the homes of a Western gray squirrel, a deer, a raven, and a beaver. The animals wave as they fly by.</p>	<p>Robin: “Hello there! Hi! How are you? This is my new friend Beatrice! She’s a bat but she wants to meet all of the animals that are awake during the day.”</p>
<p>Robin and Beatrice fly to a large tree with a hole in its trunk.</p>	<p>Robin: “Hello Olivia the Owl? Are you home?”</p>
<p>Olivia comes out to perch at the opening of her hole in the tree.</p>	<p>Olivia: “Hi Robin! I was just sleeping, but it’s nice to see you. Who is your new friend?”</p>
<p>Robin points a wing toward Beatrice.</p>	<p>Robin: “This is my friend, Beatrice. She doesn’t think she’s nocturnal, so I’m showing her what it’s like to be a diurnal animal.”</p>

Beatrice yawns.	Olivia: “Well, it looks like you’re a little sleepy. I’ll bet if you hang upside down on the tree branch over there and count to 100, you might find that you’re nocturnal after all.”
Beatrice goes over to a branch near Olivia’s hole, hangs upside down, and starts counting to 100.	“One, two (yawn), three, four, five . . .” [Beatrice starts snoring]
Robin and Olivia watch as Beatrice falls asleep.	Robin: “Olivia, you were right! Beatrice is asleep. I guess she really was nocturnal after all!”
THE END [Take a bow!]	

Questions:

What does nocturnal mean?

What does diurnal mean?

Which other animals in the skit were diurnal?

Why did Beatrice think she was a diurnal animal?

Do you think Olivia the Owl is nocturnal? Or diurnal?

Have you ever felt like you didn’t fit in or you were different than your friends or family?

Everyone is unique and no two animals (or people) are alike! What are some ways that you are unique and special?