

## Walrus Joins In

1

What will Walrus do?

Everyone at the North Pole was very excited. There was going to be a show and ANYONE could be in it.

'I will do skating,' said Arctic Fox. 'I'm good at that!'

'I'll do tumbling,' said Polar Bear. 'No one tumbles quite like me!'

'I'll do singing,' said Seal. 'Everyone says I have a very fine voice!'

'Then I'll do diving,' said Whale. 'I won a prize for diving at school, you know!'

They all looked at Walrus. 'What will YOU do?' they asked.

But Walrus was not good at anything.

He wasn't good at skating, and he wasn't good at tumbling.

He was terrible at singing, and when he tried to dive, he always got water up his nose.

He sat and chewed his whiskers sadly.

'Never mind,' said Arctic Fox. 'You can watch us.'

Arctic Fox and Polar Bear and Seal and Whale practised hard for the big show.

Walrus hid behind a snowdrift and watched, and chewed his whiskers.

He wished he was good at something.

2

The big night

At last, the big night arrived. Everyone sat down and waited for the show to begin. Walrus sat in the front row. He was very excited.

Fox came onto the ice and bowed. Everyone cheered.

Then Fox began to skate. Fox skated forwards and backwards and sideways. She skated in perfect circles and figures of eight. She was elegant and amazing!

Walrus watched and he loved what he saw. Fox made it all look so easy.

Walrus was sure that if he really tried he could skate just like Fox.

He couldn't stop himself. He just had to leap onto the ice and join in with Fox. "I can skate," he cried. "Look at me!"

But Walrus couldn't skate at all. He could only trip up and fall over. He bumped into Fox, and Fox went flat on her face. FLOMP!

Fox was very upset. "Walrus has RUINED my act," she wailed.

Next, it was Polar Bear's turn. He rolled out across the ice like a big, white snowball. Everyone clapped wildly.

Then Polar Bear began to tumble. He did jumps and spins and somersaults, and stood on his head.

Walrus watched and he loved what he saw. Polar Bear made it all look such fun. Walrus was sure that this time, if he really tried, he could tumble just like Polar Bear.

All of a sudden, Walrus just couldn't stop himself, and he leaped onto the ice.

"I can tumble too," he cried. "Look at me!"

But Walrus couldn't tumble at all. He could only trip up and fall over. He tripped up Polar Bear, who came down with a WALLOP! Of course, Polar Bear was pretty angry. "Walrus has RUINED my act," he wailed.

3

From bad to worse

It was Seal's turn next. She gave Walrus a don't-you-dare stare, and then she started to sing:

"O, how many heart rejoices when I see the Northern Lights.

My ear is filled with voices sweetly singing in the night!"

Walrus listened. What a beautiful song! Surely if he really tried, he could sing as beautifully as Seal? Oh, dear. Walrus just couldn't stop himself again.

"I know that song," he cried. "I can sing it too!"

He leaped up and started singing along with Seal.

But Walrus couldn't sing! He sounded terrible. In fact, he sounded like a rusty old bucket.

Seal stopped singing and burst into floods of tears.

"Walrus has RUINED my song," she wailed.

Wale was last. He was pretty certain that Walrus could not ruin his act.

Whale leaped high out of the water. Then he fell back with an enormous splash!

Walrus watched. He wished that he could dive like that. His flippers began to twitch, and his whiskers bristled with excitement.

## 海象参加(表演)

1

海象要做什么?

北极每个人(动物)都非常兴奋,将有一个表演,任何人都可以参加。

"我将(表演)滑冰,"北极狐狸说。"我很擅长(滑冰)!"

"我将(表演)翻跟头,"北极熊说。"没有人能像我一样翻跟头!"

"我将(表演)唱歌,"海豹说。"所有人都说我有一个好嗓音!"

"我将(表演)潜水,"鲸鱼说。"你们知道的,我在学校获潜水奖!"

他们都看着海象。"你想做什么呢?"他们问。

但海象不擅长任何(项目)。

他不擅长滑冰,他不擅长翻跟头。

他唱歌很糟糕,他曾尝试潜水,他总是把水灌进了他的鼻子里。

他坐在那里,悲哀的咬着他的胡须。

"没关系,"北极狐狸说。"你可以欣赏我们(表演)。"

北极狐、北极熊、海豹和鲸鱼为了盛大的表演刻苦练习。

海象躲在雪堆后看着,咬着他的胡须。

他希望他擅长某项(运动)。

2

盛大的夜晚

终于,盛大的夜晚来临了。大家坐下来等待表演开始。海象坐在前排。他非常激动。

狐狸来到冰上,鞠躬。所有的人欢呼。

然后,狐狸开始滑冰。狐狸前滑,后滑,侧滑。她滑出完美的圆圈和8字形。她动作优雅的惊人!

海象看着,很喜欢他所看到的。狐狸让这一切看起来那么容易。

海象肯定,如果他实际去试试,他会滑得像狐狸一样。

他情不自禁。跳上冰,加入到狐狸的滑冰表演。

"我会溜冰,"他喊道。"看着我。"

但是,海象一点也不会滑冰。他只能摔来跌去。

他撞上了狐狸,狐狸跌了个脸贴地。砰!

狐狸很苦恼。"海象毁了我的表演。"她哭着说。

下一节目,轮到了北极熊。他在冰上滚动,像一个白色大雪球。每个人疯狂鼓掌。

接着,北极熊开始翻筋斗。他跳跃和旋转、翻筋斗,倒立。

海象看着,他很喜欢他所看到的。北极熊让这一切看起来如此有趣。

海象确信,这次,如果他实际尝试,他会像北极熊一样翻筋斗。

突然,海象情不自禁,他跳到冰上。

"我也会翻筋斗,"他喊道。"看着我。"

但是,海象一点也不会翻筋斗。他只会跌来跌去。他绊了北极熊,北极熊滚倒在冰上!

当然,北极熊很生气。"海象毁了我的表演,"他哭着说。

3 越来越差

下面轮到海豹的表演。她瞪了海象一眼,意思是"你敢",于是她开始唱:

"啊,当我看北极光我是多么快乐。

在夜晚我的耳朵充满甜美声音!"

海象听着。多么美的歌!当然,如果他实际尝试,他能唱得与海豹一样好吗?噢,天啊。海象再次情不自禁。

"我知道那歌,"他喊道。"我也会唱!"

他跳了起来,开始随着海豹一起唱歌。

但海象不会唱歌的!他的声音听起来可怕。事实上,他的声音听起来像一个生锈的旧桶。

海豹停止唱歌,泪如泉涌。

"海象毁了我的歌,"她哭着说。

鲸鱼是最后(表演)。他相信海象不会毁了他的表演。

鲸跃离水面很高,然后他跃入水溅起巨大浪花!

海象看着。他希望他能像鲸一样潜水。他脚蹼颤动,兴奋的须子竖了起来。他努力控制不要加入(表演)。

但接着他有了一个绝妙的主意。

"在潜水时我会把我的鼻子捂住,他想。"那么水就不会冲进鼻子里!"

"

海象情不自禁。他必须加入表演。

He tried and tried his very best not to join in.  
 But then he had a brilliant idea.  
 "I'll hold my nose when I dive," he thought. "Then the water won't go up it!"  
 Walrus just couldn't stop himself. He had to join in.  
 "Everybody, look at me!" he cried, as he leaped into the water. "I can dive too!"  
 But just at that moment, Whale was getting ready to spout a big jet of water.  
 WHOOSH!  
 Whale spouted Walrus high into the air!  
 Everyone was watching Walrus now. They clapped and cheered as Walrus landed back in the sea with a SPLOSH!  
 Whale was furious. "You are a meddling, incompetent BUFFOON!" he roared. "You have RUINED my act. Now GET OUT OF MY SIGHT!"  
 Whale was pretty scary when he was angry. Walrus turned tail and fled. He hid behind a snowdrift, feeling sad and very sorry.

4  
 The show will go on!  
 The show was over. Fox and Polar Bear and Seal and Whale stood in a line, blushing and wishing that Walrus had not ruined everything.  
 But everyone was cheering like mad.  
 "Well done, Polar Bear, well done, Seal! Well done, Fox and Whale!" they shouted. "But where's the clown? Why isn't he here? Where's Walrus?"  
 Behind is snowdrift, Walrus heard the cheers. Were they really cheering for him, too?  
 Yes! They were!  
 He shuffled up to Fox and Polar Bear and Seal And Whale.  
 "I'm very sorry," he said.  
 "So you should be," said Fox.  
 "At least everyone thought you were part of the show," said Polar Bear.  
 "I suppose," said Seal, "if Walrus was really part of our next show, it couldn't be any worse."  
 Walrus was overjoyed. "Me?" he cried. "Truly? Can I be part of the show? Can I join in next time?"  
 "Yes," said Whale. "It will be a lot safer that way. You can be the clown. As long as you do it properly."  
 Walrus practiced hard and became a very good clown indeed. Now he is so good that Fox, Polar Bear, Seal and Whale are glad he is taking part.  
 Sometimes, when Walrus is clowning around, they really just can't stop themselves. They have to join in too!

"各位，看着我！"他喊道，他跳进水里。"我也能潜水！"但就在此时，鲸鱼正准备溅起一个大的浪花。  
 呼！  
 鲸鱼把海象喷到空中！  
 大家看着海象。当海象跃回海水里并溅起浪花，他们都鼓掌、欢呼。鲸愤怒了。"你就会捣乱，无能的笨蛋！"他咆哮。"你毁了我的表演。现在滚出去我的视线！"  
 鲸生气时很可怕。海象转尾巴逃走，他躲在雪堆后，感到悲伤，很抱歉。

4  
 表演将继续！  
 表演结束了。狐狸、北极熊、海豹和鲸鱼的站在一排，(都很)脸红，希望海象没有做这些而毁了一切。  
 但是每个人疯狂地欢呼。  
 "做得好，北极熊，做得好，海豹！做得好，狐狸和鲸鱼！"他们叫喊着。"可是，小丑在哪里？他为什么不在这儿？海象在哪里？"雪堆后面，海象听到欢呼。他们真的也为他欢呼？  
 是的！他们是！  
 他慢慢地走向狐狸、北极熊、海豹和鲸。  
 "我很抱歉，"他说。  
 "你应该道歉，"狐狸说。  
 "至少大家以为你是表演的一部分"，北极熊说  
 "我想，"海狮说，"将来表演，如果海象是真正的一部分，不会更糟。"  
 海象喜出望外。"我吗？"他哭了。"真的吗？我可以参加吗？我可以参加下一次？"  
 "是的，"鲸鱼说。"下次加入"  
 那样(你加入)会保险一些。你可以当小丑。你做的很好。"  
 海象刻苦训练，事实上成了一个很好的小丑。现在他是如此的好，狐狸、北极熊、海豹和鲸很高兴他加入。  
 有时，当海象在搞笑的时候，他们就情不自禁的加入进去

polar bear[英]['pəʊlə beə] n. 北极熊

Seal 英[si:l] n. 海豹；图案，印章；封印；保证，誓约；标志，象征

arctic fox[英]['ɑ:ktɪk fɒks] 北极狐

walrus[英]['wɔ:lɹəs, 'wɔln. 海象

Whale 英[hweil] n. 鲸鱼

audience[英]['ɔ:dʒəns] n. 观众，听众，读者；读者；接见；拥护者，爱好者

North Pole[nɔ:θ pəʊl] 北极；[地名] [北冰洋] 北极点

tumble[英]['tʌmbəl] vi. 跌倒，摔倒；被绊倒；倒塌；翻来覆去，翻腾

imitate[英]['imiteit] vt. 模仿，效仿；仿造，伪造

intonation[英][,ɪntə'neiʃən, -təʊ-] n. 语调，声调；[乐]发声，转调；[宗]吟诵；语音的抑扬

Climax 英['klaɪmæks] n. 高潮，极点，层进法

Ruin 英[ruɪn] v. 毁坏，破坏，糟蹋，使破产

fled[英][fled]\_v.逃走, 逃掉 ( flee 的过去式和过去分词 ); 逃离, 逃避

Snowdrift 英['snəʊdrɪft] n. 被风刮在一起的雪堆, 随风飘飞的雪

Elegant 英['elɪgənt] adj. 高雅的, 优雅的; 优美的; 漂亮的; 精美的; 讲究的; 简炼的; 简洁的

Wail 英[weɪl] 美 n. 嚎啕声 v. 悲叹, 哀号, 嚎啕

enormous[英][i'no:məs]\_adj.巨大的; 庞大的; 极恶的; 凶暴的

furious[英]['fjuəriəs]\_adj.狂怒的, 暴怒的; 激烈的; 热烈兴奋的; 喧闹的

最高级: most furious; 比较级: more furious

scary[英]['skeəri:]\_adj.使人惊慌的; 胆小的, 容易受惊的; 可怕的, 吓人的

meddle[英]['medl]\_v.干涉, 插手; 弄, 摸弄, 用手玩弄; 参与, 发生关系

whisker 英['hwɪskə] n. 连鬓胡子, 络腮胡子; 以毫微之差

Chew 英[tʃu:] v. 嚼, 咀嚼, 咬, 深思, 考虑, 详细讨论, 商量

Leap 英[li:p] v. 跳跃; 迅速进行, 立即着手; 突然发生; (使)跳过, (使)跃过

spin[英][spɪn]\_vi.纺纱; 吐(丝), 作(茧), 结网; 快速旋转; 眩晕

现在分词: spinning; 过去式: spun; span; 第三人称单数: spins; 过去分词: spun

somersault[英]['sʌməsɔ:lt]\_n.翻筋斗; (意见、观点、态度等) 180度的转变 vi.翻筋斗

trip up[英][trɪp ʌp]\_绊倒; 跌倒; 抓住(某人)的差错; (使)犯错误

wallop[英]['wɒləp]\_n.猛击; 冲击力; 奔驰; 快感 adj.大的, 极大的

rejoice[英][ri'dʒɔɪs]\_vi.高兴; 欢庆

bucket[英]['bʌkɪt]\_n.水桶; 一桶(的量); 大量; (俚)交通工具

whoosh[英][h]wʊʃ]\_n.飞快的移动 int.(飞速行进等发出的声音)嗖, 呼, 咳

shuffle[英]['ʃʌfəl]\_vt.洗牌; 曳脚而行; 搬移; 搁置, 随手放 vi.曳脚走; 跳曳步舞; 移动; 推诿

splash[英][splæʃ]\_vt.使(液体)溅起

Incompetent 英[ɪn'kɒmpɪtənt] adj. 1.无能力的; 不胜任的, 不合适的, 不适当的

buffoon[英][bʌ'fu:n]\_n.愚蠢的人; 傻瓜; 逗乐小丑; 滑稽的人复数: buffoons;

Roared[rɔ:d]\_[医]喘鸣

clown[英][klaʊn]\_n.丑角, 小丑; 乡下人, 笨拙粗鲁的人; 经常闹笑话的人; 小气鬼, 守财奴

v.扮小丑; 闹笑话; 说笑话, 逗趣

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hold my nose

do skating do tumbling do singing do diving

night right sight light

snow slow now row

backwards forwards

dare stare

tail wail

properly really surely truly sweetly beautifully