

DON'T BE SILLY – AS A PLAY FOR LITTLE ONES TO PERFORM (and for reading comprehension!)

SUGGESTED PARTS (this is just a suggestion to be adjusted as group requires) :

GG: Gloomy Group,

G1 single reader from gloomy group,

C: Cheery group,

S: Smudge Voice,

B: Bo Voice,

N: Narrator (could be teacher or group leader)

ALL: Everyone speaks together/in unison

(Words could be up on a screen and different groups or individuals pointed to by play leader when it is their turn to speak. And/or print out separate pages for anyone in group who is colour blind for following their parts!)

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DON'T BE SILLY!: A VERY SILLY STORY IN SEVERAL FITS

Optional – music to start (and finish?)

N: Bouncy Bo and Little Smudge

Lived in a CASTLE*

G1: with their father, MR JUDGE!

GG: The grown ups were all serious,

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N: while merry Smudge and bouncy Bo would

C: DANCE! (accompanied with actions optional)

N: and

C :JUMP! (accompanied with actions optional)

N: and

C: RUN! (accompanied with action optional)

PAUSE

B: When Bo tried doing somersaults, (action could be added – but do not break the rhythm!)

S: when Smudge stood on her head (action could be added – but do not break the rhythm!)

GG: “Don’t Be Silly, Don’t Be Silly ! ”, was what the grown ups said

S: “Perhaps when you grow up”, said Smudge “your face gets very stiff

B: And it is hard to move your mouth and make its corners lift”

PAUSE

B: Let’s try to be grown up” said Bo “and give them a pleasant surprise”

C: So they put on VERY important hats*
And shoes of a SERIOUS size!

G1: But even *then* the grown -ups
Looked down on them with gloom

GG: Don’t Be Silly! Don’t Be Silly! Echoed through the room.

G1: One day their father said to them, “Outside its very chilly – put on your winter shoes and coats and PLEASE

GG: Do Not Be Silly!

G1: We’re going to see your grandparents, returned from years of touring...”

S: “I’ve never heard of *them*” said Smudge,
They do sound rather boring.

PAUSE

C: They tried not to be Silly,
They did not sing or yell.
At noon they arrived at a bright blue door
And LOUDLY rang the bell!

ALL: Hello! Hello!

N: said grandma – as into the air she leapt! (accompanied with actions optional)

ALL: Hello! Hello!

**N: said grandpa – cartwheeling down the steps!
(accompanied with actions optional)**

PAUSE

G1: Bouncy Bo and little Smudge

Looked on with mouths agape

N: as Grandma balanced on her nose

C:A gherkin!*

N: And

C:A grape!*

**N: Then grandpa played the fiddle(accompanied with
actions optional)**

**While Grandma kicked her legs(accompanied with actions
optional)**

C: And promptly started juggling

With half a dozen eggs! *

B: Bo looked rather serious

S: Smudge just scratched her head

N: And then in perfect unison:

ALL: DON'T BE SILLY THEY SAID!!! (as loudly as possible!
Invite audience to join in if performing to others)

[*For added elaboration or an actual performance, different objects could be produced and walked across the “stage” at the appropriate times – either pictures of the objects or models of them eg Castle, Gherkin, Grape... Likewise, characters doing different antics such as somersaults or pretending to juggle, could move across the “stage”.

While chanting “Don’t Be Silly, “megaphones can be imitated by cupping hands round mouths – or see “make your own megaphone activity sheet!]