

Where is Crocodile?

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Rationale : The intention is that this short play could be used by pupils after their first playing of THE LANGUAGE MAGICIAN game, when they know the characters and the storyline (and may be asking if they can play again !)

Teachers are welcome to vary the number of characters, edit the text to include appropriate language, add their own ideas etc. to make it as useful as possible, but it is **not for commercial use. Copyright of this text remains with the author.**

A French version of the play is available and other language versions will follow in time.

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<https://www.thelanguagemagician.net/>

Where is Crocodile?

Speaking characters: Avatar, Elephant, Dog, Mouse, Lion, Horse, Giraffe, Bear, Rabbit, Crocodile, Winivil – up to 11

Announcer / Narrators (could have several children) – 2-4

Cat – nonspeaking - 1

Other roles: Sound effects (could have several children) e.g. Mouse children (offstage) – 2-4

Musicians – if you have some! (could have several children) – 2

Audience (could have several children) – 4-8

Props: Animal masks, Winivil puppet / cut-out or Magic Hat.



Musicians play a magical tune	
Narrator 1	Welcome to the Magical Farm
Narrator 2	And welcome to our play : Where is Crocodile?
Narrator 1	Let's meet the magical animals!
Enter and exit a cat at high speed	Meeeeeeow!
Enter Dog	Woof! Woof! Hello! Goodbye! I am in a hurry to catch that cat!
Exit dog	
Enter Avatar	O that Dog. He is never still! Where is everybody else?
Enter Mouse	Hello Language Magician. I am just fetching some food for my family – there are twelve new children!
Avatar	Congratulations!
Enter Lion	Twelve children! Did I hear 'Twelve children'?
Enter Giraffe	Twelve new children, I think.
Lion	So how many children all together?
Avatar, Giraffe and Mouse together	FIFTY SIX!
Enter Dog at high speed	Fifty six cats ? Where are they? Where are they?
Mouse (sighing)	Not fifty six cats, fifty six children (Sigh) How will we ever feed them?
Animals all look at Avatar	
Avatar	Yes OK. I will help feed the Mouse children with a food spell.
Avatar casts a food spell off stage.	
Mouse children	O food ! Great ! Here's some cheese!

Musicians play a magical tune	
All leave stage / Exeunt omnes	
Narrator 3	Those Mouse children are always hungry (a bit like me!)
Narrator 4	Life at the magical farm is happy. Let's meet some more of the animals.
Enter Elephant	What was that noise? I hope it wasn't all of those Mouse children! They frighten me!
Enter Lion Followed by cat at high speed, enter and exit. Lion cringes.	Frightened of Mice! Ha! I'm no frightened of anything .. O , what was that?
Enter Dog And exit	Cat! Cat! Where is that cat?
Enter Horse	I think you are probably frightened of one person....
Lion	Not at all! Who is that?
Horse (whispers)	Winivil !
Lion	Oooh dear! Yes!
Winivil , or a Winivil puppet appears at side of stage	
Audience	Look out!
Horse	What is it?
Audience	Look out! It's Winivil.
Horse	Where is he?
Audience	Look out! It's Winivil. Over there!
Horse and Lion look the wrong way	Where?
Audience	Over there!
Extend this business ad lib	
Winivil disappears Musicians play a magical tune	
Lion	O, yes, well, him ! He is a wicked magician
Horse	Do you remember he once stole all of the animals?
Lion	But we are all here now !
Enter Avatar	Yes, we are all here now. Let's count. Bear and rabbit, come and help.
Enter Rabbit	Here I am . Hurry up ! There are some lovely carrots over there!

Enter Elephant	I am very good at counting . Let's see ... One ... Two Hmm ... Thirteen?
Avatar	Can you call out which animals you have seen?
Audience calls out all at the same time	Cat / Dog / Rabbit / Bear / Elephant / Horse / Lion / Mouse
Enter Bear	O what a noise! My head!
Rabbit	One at a time please. Have you seen ... the Lion?
Audience	Yes
Enter Lion	
Bear	Have you seen the Mouse?
Audience	Yes
Enter Mouse	
Lion	Have you seen the Elephant?
Audience	Yes
Enter Elephant	Have you seen the Elephant? O I am the Elephant! Silly me.
Rabbit	Have you seen the Horse?
Audience	Yes
Enter Horse	Have you seen the Giraffe?
Audience	Yes
Enter Giraffe	Have you seen that horrible Winivil?
Winivil appears again at side of stage	
Musicians play a magical tune	
Audience	Yes! There he is!
Giraffe	Where?
Audience	There he is!
Elephant	Where is he? I don't like him.
Winivil disappears	
Giraffe	I can't see him
Avatar	And have you seen the Crocodile?
Audience	No!
Avatar	No? Has anyone seen the Crocodile?

All	No. Where is the Crocodile?
Winivil appears again at side of stage	
Musicians play a magical tune	
Audience	Look out! Winivil!
Avatar	You think Winivil has stolen the Crocodile!?
Exit all, looking for Crocodile, all around the room, under chairs and tables , in the audience etc.	O dear! Yes ! Poor crocodile! Where are you? CROCODILE!
Avatar (after a time)	Wait! Listen !
All	What is it? Ssshhh! Listen!
Enter Mouse - in a very loud voice.	Everybody, listen!
Avatar	What's that noise? It sounds like a thunderstorm!
All listen to sound effects. The noise is muffled groaning+roaring+squeaking offstage. All look puzzled.	
Enter Rabbit looking very afraid	I'm not afraid ... well maybe a bit. It could be Winivil and one of his spells.
Winivil appears again at side of stage	
All listen to sound effects The noise is muffled groaning+roaring+squeaking offstage. All look puzzled.	
Rabbit goes slowly and looks offstage towards the noise.	Well, well, well.
Narrator 4	And what did the Rabbit see?
Narrator 3	Was it the wicked Winivil?
Narrator 2	Or was it a storm?
All listen to sound effects The noise is muffled groaning+roaring+squeaking offstage. All look puzzled.	
Enter Rabbit	No, it is the Crocodile fast asleep under a tree and snoring like a monster!

Enter Crocodile yawning	Hello everyone, just having a little nap. Has anything happened?
Enter all for bows.	