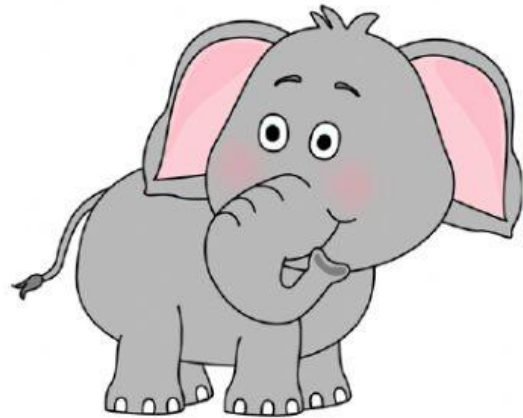


## Elephant wants Friends *(Stories with a moral)*

Once there was an elephant who didn't have any friends. For many days, the lonely elephant walked through the forest, looking for friends.

One day she saw a monkey and asked, 'Can we be friends, monkey?'

The monkey quickly answered, 'You are too big and you can't swing on the trees like I do, so I cannot be your friend.'



The elephant felt very sad but he continued walking when suddenly, it came across a rabbit. She asked him, 'Can we be friends, rabbit?'

The rabbit looked at the elephant and replied, "You are too big to fit inside my burrow. You cannot be my friend."

Again, the elephant felt sad, but she continued until she met a frog. She asked, "Do you want to be my friend, frog?"

The frog replied, "You are too big and too heavy; you cannot jump like me. I am sorry, but you can't be my friend."

The elephant continued to ask the animals she met on her way, but she always received the same reply. The hare told her she couldn't run as fast as her, the birds told her she couldn't fly and the otter told her she couldn't swim as well as he did. The elephant was feeling very sad and lonely now.

The following day, the elephant saw all the animals running very fast in fear. She didn't know what was happening, so she stopped a bear to ask what was happening and the bear told her that a hungry tiger was attacking all the animals.

The elephant wanted to save the other animals, so she went to the tiger and said, "Please, sir, leave my friends alone. Do not eat them."

But the tiger didn't listen to her. He just told the elephant to mind her own business.

Seeing no other way, the elephant stood on her legs, she trumpeted loudly and then she kicked the tiger and scared him until it went away.



When the animals saw what the elephant had done, they all changed their minds and went to fetch her. And then all the animals told her, "You are just the right size to be our friend."

**The moral:**

*Friends come in every shape and size.*

Poor elephant! The animals didn't want to be her friends for different reasons.

Drag and drop the correct ending.

The monkey told her she was too big.

The rabbit told her she couldn't fly.

The frog told her she couldn't swim very well.

The hare told her she couldn't swing on the trees.

The birds told her she couldn't jump.

The otter told her she couldn't run very fast.

Choose the correct answer:

The animals were running because a hungry \_\_\_\_\_ wanted to eat them.

First the elephant asked the tiger to go away \_\_\_\_\_.

Then she kicked him and trumpeted to make him \_\_\_\_\_.

After this, the animals understood that you \_\_\_\_\_ have friends who are not exactly like you.