

The Ugly Duckling – A Play

Scene 1

Narrator 1: Mummy duck has seven eggs in the nest.

Narrator 2: She is very happy.

Mummy duck: One, two, three, four, five, six little yellow ducklings. But one egg is different. It's big! It's grey!

Duckling 1: Mummy! He's big!

Duckling 2: Mummy! He's grey!

Duckling 3: Mummy! He's ugly!

Mummy duck: Yes, he's different. But he's your brother!

Scene 2

Narrator 1: It's a sunny day.

Narrator 2: Mummy duck is taking the ducklings for their first swim.

Duckling 1: Quack, quack. The water's lovely!

Duckling 2: Quack, quack. The water's lovely!

Duckling 3: Quack, quack. The water's lovely!

Duckling 4: Quack, quack. The water's lovely!

Duckling 5: Quack, quack. The water's lovely!

Duckling 6: Quack, quack. The water's lovely!

Ugly Duckling: Quack, quack. The water's lovely!

Scene 3

Narrator 1: It's summer.

Narrator 2: Today mummy duck is taking the ducklings to the farm.

Mummy duck: Hello! Here are my seven little ducklings.

Old Chicken: No, NOT seven little ducklings! Six little yellow ducklings ... and one big, grey, ugly duckling!

Narrator 1: All the animals look at mother duck.

Narrator 2: All the animals walk towards the Ugly Duckling.

Narrator 1: The Ugly Duckling walks away...

Narrator 2: But all the other animals follow him.

Cow: You're a big duckling!

Dog: You're a grey duckling!

Horse: You're an ugly duckling!

Cat: You're a big, grey ugly duckling!

Rabbit: Ha! Ha! Ha! Look at the Ugly Duckling!

All the animals: Ugly Duckling, go away! Ugly Duckling, go away!

Scene 4

Narrator 1: The Ugly Duckling goes away from the farm.

Narrator 2: He is sad. He meets some frogs.

All the frogs: Hello. Who are you?

Ugly Duckling: Hello frogs. I'm the Ugly Duckling.

Frog 1: Oh! You're big...

Frog 2: ... and grey...

Frog 3: ...and ugly!

All the frogs: Ugly Duckling, go away! Ugly Duckling, go away!

Scene 5

Narrator 1: It's autumn.

Narrator 2: The Ugly Duckling is sad and tired. He goes into a house.

Ugly Duckling: Hello, old lady. Hello, dog. Hello, cat.

Old Lady: Who are you?

Ugly Duckling: I'm the Ugly Duckling.

Old Lady: Oh! You're big!

Dog: Oh! You're grey!

Cat: Oh! You're ugly!

Old Lady, Cat and Dog: Ugly Duckling, go away! Ugly Duckling, go away!

Scene 6

Narrator 1: It's winter.

Narrator 2: The Ugly Duckling is cold and tired. He goes into a farmhouse.

Children: He's ugly!

Farmer: Yes, he's ugly. But he's cold and tired. Let's give him some milk.

Children: Let's play with the Ugly Duckling.

Ugly Duckling: No! Let me go!

Scene 7

Narrator 1: The Ugly Duckling is very sad. He goes to a river.

Narrator 2: It's winter and it's very cold.

Narrator 1: He hides all winter.

Narrator 2: It's spring now.

Swan 1: What a beautiful swan!

Ugly Duckling: A beautiful swan? Where?

Swan 2: You're the beautiful swan!

Ugly Duckling: No, I'm not a swan! I'm an ugly duckling!

Swan 1: No, you're not an ugly duckling!

Swan 2: You're a swan!

Swan 1: You're a beautiful swan!

Swans 1 and 2: Look in the water!

Ugly Duckling: Oh, yes! I'm a swan! I'm a beautiful white swan!

Narrator 1: The Ugly Duckling isn't sad. He's happy!

Narrator 2: The Ugly Duckling isn't different. He isn't grey.

Narrator 1: And he isn't an ugly duckling!

Narrators 1 and 2: He's a beautiful white swan!