

## Animal Showtime



Characters: 2 ants: Andrew and Andrea  
4 robots: Smart, Shiny, QS and Elsie  
3 or more peacocks  
4 badgers: Barry, Berry, Benny and Bryony  
5 or more camels

*(Enter ants)*

Ants: Good evening, everybody, and welcome to our show.

Andrew: I am Andrew the ant.

Andrea: And I am Andrea the ant.

Ants: We hope you will enjoy our show! *(They bow and leave.)*

*(Enter four robots)*

Robots: Good evening, and welcome to *our* show.  
We are robots, as you can see.

Smart: I am Smart.

Shiny: I am Shiny.

QS: I am Quite Something. You can call me QS.

SE: And I am Something Else! You can call me Elsie.

Smart: We would like to show you a game we have learnt.

*(Robots form pairs. Chant slowly and clap as follows:)*

Robots: Hands together left, hands together right,  
hands together left and right, hands together both.

Shiny: One more time. A bit faster.

Robots: Hands together left, hands together right,  
hands together left and right, hands together both.

QS: Faster!

Robots: Hands together left, hands together right,  
hands together left and right, hands together both (*twice*)

Elsie: (*turning to the audience*) Now you try! Please turn to the person next to you.

Smart: Good. Now, very slowly... (*Robots chant and clap very slowly, inviting the audience to join in.*)

Robots: Hands together left, hands together right,  
hands together left and right, hands together both. (*twice*)

Shiny: One more time. A bit faster.

Robots: Hands together left, hands together right,  
hands together left and right, hands together both.

QS: Faster!

Robots: Hands together left, hands together right,  
hands together left and right, hands together both. (*twice*)

Elsie: Well done. You are getting there! (*Robots applaud the audience.*)

QS: That was something else!

Elsie: No! *I* am Something Else.

Smart: Don't argue, you two.

Shiny: Look, here come the peacocks.

(*Three or more peacocks enter*)

Peacocks: Good evening, and welcome to *our* show.  
We are peacocks, as you can see.  
We are gorgeous.  
We have gorgeous tails! (*They display feathers.*)  
We would like to show you our peacock dance.

(*Children dance to music, bow and leave stage flashing their tails.*)

(*Enter four badgers*)

Badgers: Good evening, and welcome to *our* show.  
We are badgers, as you can see.

Barry: I am Badger Barry. Good evening.

Berry: I am Badger Berry. Good evening.

Benny: I am Badger Benny. Good evening.

Bryony: And I am Badger Bryony.

Barry, Berry and Benny: Say good evening!

Bryony: Sorry, I forgot. Good evening, everybody! Let me introduce myself.

I am a badger. I have two eyes and four legs.

Barry: What about me? I have two eyes and four legs too.

Bryony: Sorry, I forgot.

Bryony and Barry: We are badgers. Together we have four eyes and eight legs.

*(slap, clap, snap)* Two badgers, four eyes, eight legs. *(three times)*

Badger Berry: What about me? I have two eyes and four legs too.

Bryony and Barry: Sorry we forgot!

Bryony, Barry and Berry: *(slap, clap, snap)* Three badgers, six eyes, twelve legs. *(three times)*

Benny: What about me? I have two eyes and four legs too!

Bryony, Barry and Berry: Sorry, we forgot!

All badgers: *(slap, clap, snap)* Four badgers, eight eyes, sixteen legs *(three times)* And no tail!  
*(Turning their backs to the audience)*

*(Enter five or more camels, who either speak as a group or divide the lines between them.)*

Camels: Good evening and welcome to *our* show.

We are five camels, as you can see.

We have five tails, ten eyes and twenty legs.

Just so you know!

We would like to sing you a song about Alice the camel.

*(Sing 'Alice the camel', first five verses, showing pictures of camels with five, four, three, two and one hump)*

Alice the camel has five humps *(three times)*

So go, Alice, go!

Camels: *(talking to audience)* Please join in and sing with us

*(All children enter)*

Everybody plus audience sing all verses of 'Alice the Camel', ending with verse six:

Alice the camel has no humps *(three times)*

Cos Alice is a horse! *(show picture of a horse)*

*(All children turn to each other and laugh loudly and exaggeratedly at the idea of Alice being a horse, and say 'A horse!' and 'Of course!')*

Andrew and Andrea: *(stepping to the front of the noise and laughter. Children stop laughing.)* Ladies and gentlemen, that's all we have for you this evening.

Andrew: We hope you have enjoyed the show.

Andrea: Thank you for coming!

All children: Yes, thank you for coming to our show. One, two, three...

*(All children hold hands and bow.)*