

Easy Peasy Christmas

Infant Script
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Ideal Cast Size 60

Speaking Roles 12

Minimum Cast Size 30

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CAST LIST AND SPEAKING ROLES BY NUMBER OF LINES

N.B. In the following list, the bracketed number shows the number of spoken lines each role has.

An asterisk (*) before the character's name indicates that this character may have solo or small group actions to perform on stage.

Narrator 1 / Narrator 7	(2) / (3)	Soldiers	(0)
Narrator 2 / Narrator 8	(3) / (3)	Teddy Bears	(0)
Narrator 3 / Narrator 9	(3) / (2)	Robots	(0)
Narrator 4 / Narrator 10	(3) / (2)	Dolls	(0)
Narrator 5 / Narrator 11	(2) / (2)		
Narrator 6 / Narrator 12	(2) / (2)	*Choir	(0)
		*Action Dancers	(0)
Frosties	(0)		
Snowmen	(0)		
Rudolph	(0)		
Mrs Claus	(0)		
Reindeers	(0)		
Fairies	(0)		
Elves	(0)		
Christmas Tree	(0)		
Santa	(0)		

N.B. Except for the Narrators, all roles are non-speaking parts.

Please refer to the section below 'ABOUT THIS EASY PEASY CHRISTMAS' under the paragraph 'FLEXIBLE CASTING IDEAS' for more information about using either six or twelve Narrators. Have as many Frosties, Snowmen, Reindeer, Fairies, Elves, Soldiers, Teddy Bears, Robots, Dolls, Choir and Action Dancers as you like, or alternatively, double up on the roles.

LIST OF CHARACTERS IN EACH NARRATED SECTION**Narrator 1**

Introduction
Opening Song
Entire Cast

Narrator 2

Frosties

Narrator 3

Snowmen

Narrator 4

Rudolph

Narrator 5

Mrs Claus
Rudolph

Narrator 6

Reindeers
Fairies

Narrator 7 / Narrator 8

Christmas Tree
Elves
Fairies

Narrator 9 / Narrator 10

Santa
Mrs Claus
Elves
Fairies
Christmas Tree
Rudolph
Reindeers
Frosties
Snowmen
Toys

Narrator 11

Santa
Mrs Claus
Elves
Fairies
Christmas Tree
Rudolph
Reindeers
Frosties
Snowmen
Toys

Narrator 12

Entire Cast

LIST OF PROPERTIES

Very few props are required for the staging of this Easy Peasy Christmas.

Listed below are the key props indicated in the script, together with an indication of which character(s) or scene, they will be used in.

Mug of hot chocolate and a mince pie	Rudolph
Box containing tinsel and baubles	Santa
Santa Sack	Santa
Selection of books	Elves and Fairies
Selection of games	Elves and Fairies
Selection of toys	Elves and Fairies
Sleigh.....	Elves and Fairies/Stage Prop

ABOUT THIS EASY PEASY CHRISTMAS

This show has been written specifically with Early Years Foundation Stage and Key Stage One teaching staff members in mind to save time, effort and anxiety!

Knowing how busy the end of the Autumn Term can be, and the huge demands placed on Teachers to produce a Christmas Production at the end of the first term of the school year, this show has been created to ease the pressure and be able to produce a very simple, but effective, production that both children, and their parents' alike, will really enjoy and help them to understand and remember the fun of Christmas celebrations during the festive season.

The script is secular and has been created for schools to produce a non-religious celebration of Christmas. It has very few spoken lines; the impact being created by delightful songs, actions and simple dance moves that the whole cast can be part of.

FLEXIBLE CASTING IDEAS

The script is VERY flexible and allows for a very small cast (e.g. Class size) or, alternatively, a much larger one (e.g. Year Group or Key Stage size), depending on the size of your school and how you wish to present the show.

The recommended minimum number of performers is thirty children, including nineteen main character actors, six narrators and an ensemble of choir and action dancers. Each of the six narrators have two sections of narration, e.g. Narrator 1 plus Narrator 7: Narrator 2 plus Narrator 8: Narrator 3 plus Narrator 9, and so on. This minimum cast would also require some of the characters to double up as Choir and Action Dancers (e.g., Frosties, Snowmen and Reindeer.

This suggested minimum cast list would appear as follows: -

Narrators x 6

Frosties x 3

Snowmen x 3

Rudolph x 1

Mrs Claus x 1

Reindeers x 2

Fairies x 2

Elves x 2

Christmas Tree x 1

Santa x 1

Soldiers x 2

Teddy Bears x 2

Robots x 2

Dolls x 2

Choir and Action Dancers (comprising actors 'doubled up' on their roles from above)

TOTAL 30

Alternatively, should you wish to include more children, then each of the Narrators could have one section of narration each (total of 12), and other characters could be added to expand the number of children performing, for example: -

Narrators x 12

Frosties x 6

Snowmen x 6

Rudolph x 1

Mrs Claus x 1

Reindeers x 4

Fairies x 6

Elves x 6

Christmas Tree x 1

Santa x 1

Soldiers x 4

Teddy Bears x 4

Robots x 4

Dolls x 4

Choir and Action Dancers (comprising actors 'doubled up' on their roles from above)

TOTAL 60

However, as previously stated in the Cast List, please feel free to have as many Frosties, Snowmen, Reindeer, Fairies, Elves, Soldiers, Teddy Bears, Robots, Dolls, Choir and Action Dancers as you like, or need, to ensure that all children can take part.

FURTHER HELPFUL TIME SAVERS; SONGS, CHOREOGRAPHY AND SCENERY

In addition to the script, there are three other key products that can be used to not only enhance the children's learning for the show, but also, reduce teacher time in preparing the production. They are: -

- **Sing it!** – a 'Karaoke-style' program with all the songs from the show
- **Dance it!** – a video showing all the dance moves and actions that can be used throughout the songs within the show

If using the Dance it! suggestions for movement, please note that the arrangement of the dancers won't always reflect the stage directions for each song in the script and may need adapting for your purposes

- **Project it!** – a digital program for backdrops to be used as scenery for the show

These three invaluable products allow teachers to teach the entire show to the children through the aid of digital, auditory and visual cues, thus cutting down time on rehearsals.

CREATED SPECIFICALLY TO ADAPT FOR YOU AND YOUR SCHOOL

The most important thing about this Christmas production is that it is literally 'off the shelf' and 'Easy Peasy', enabling all Key Stage One staff members to 'pick it up and do it', no matter what their age or experience. It lends itself to be a great Christmas show for the children, parents, and staff alike, whether it is kept simple or elaborated. The choice is up to you!

It really is that simple. Easy Peasy! Enjoy!

PRODUCTION NOTES

STAGING

The staging for this show is suggested in the script diagram. It requires very little in terms of 'stage area'. It can be performed in the hall, all on one level, or stage blocks could be used to enhance the five main areas indicated on the plan. It is suggested that the Narrators simply stand to deliver their lines, or they could come and stand at the side of the Main Performance Area to deliver their lines as part of the action in each narrated section. The stage directions are all included within the script; they are clear and simple. However, please feel free to add your own enhancements. Please note that 'instant scenery' is available with our digital backdrops product, '**Project it!**' which provides a different backdrop for EVERY scene change and is supplied in both a PowerPoint presentation and as individual JPG files. (See our website for details.)

COSTUMES

It is suggested that costumes are all kept very traditional and simple in terms of a Christmas show. Many schools will already have a stock of traditional Christmas costumes, nevertheless, here are some ideas for simple costumes that can be created easily and simply.

For example: -

Narrators	white tops, black trousers or skirts and a red tie or dicky bow.
Frosties	white and silver tops and trousers with silver foil headdresses.
Snowmen	white full-length gowns (with optional padding around the middle, red hats, blue scarves, green coats, white gloves, orange nose cones.
Rudolph	brown top and leggings, brown gloves, brown hood with card antlers, red nose piece.
Mrs Claus	red dress with white fur trim, red leggings or tights, red and white ribbon bow or hat.
Reindeer	brown tops and leggings, brown gloves, brown hoods with card antlers.
Fairies	white or pale coloured chiffon-type gowns (tied at the waist with silver tinsel), silver tinsel headdresses, white or silver leggings, white or silver net wings.
Elves	red tops, green tunics, green leggings, red and green elf-type hats, elf shaped ears, red shoes.
Christmas Tree	brown leggings, green triangular tunic with a few baubles and some tinsel on, green cone-shaped hat.
Santa	traditional red and white Santa costume (with optional padding around the middle), Santa hat, black boots, shiny black belt.

Soldiers	khaki-coloured trousers, khaki-coloured leggings, green berets, brown boots.
Teddy Bears	brown tops and trousers, fluffy teddy-bear ears (on a headband), brown fluffy gloves, black noses.
Robots	box-type tops and legs covered with silver foil (or alternatively, silver-coloured full length and long sleeve jumpsuits), box-type headdress covered with silver foil.
Dolls	traditional baby boy and baby girl doll suits in baby pink and baby blue, dummies to match, matching bonnets.
Choir and	
Action Dancers	a mix of red, white, green and gold costumes made up of tops, leggings, and scarves.

N.B. The Choir and Action Dancers will either be comprised of the characters above in their costumes, or, if using a larger cast, then it is suggested that the Choir and Action Dancers are dressed as specified above.

STAGING / SET SUGGESTION