



One Cool Friend

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3 Voices:
Narrator,
Elliott, Father

Objectives: ... present dramatic interpretations of experiences, stories
... read aloud grade-level stories with fluency (rate, accuracy, expression, appropriate phrasing) and comprehension.

Readers' Theater

- Narrator: I would like to introduce you to my friend, Elliott.
- Elliott: Good day. I am happy to see you.
- Narrator: Elliott has good manners.
- Elliott: It is my pleasure to meet you.
- Narrator: See? How are you today, Elliott?
- Elliott: Very well, thank, you.
- Narrator: Elliott enjoys reading.
- Elliott: Yes, sir. Mostly nonfiction.
- Narrator: He is careful with the words he says.
- Elliott: It has been said that words are the clothes your thoughts wear in public. We are known by our words.
- Narrator: That is deep. Is that why you also wear a tuxedo?
- Elliott: Yes, my clothes show who I am, just like my words show people my thoughts.
- Narrator: So you let people hear only good thoughts and see you dressed well.
- Elliott: Precisely.
- Narrator: What do you do for fun, Elliott?
- Elliott: I like to visit the quiet places in an aquarium.
- Narrator: What is your favorite exhibit?
- Elliott: Penguins, of course. They are a lot like me.
- Narrator: How are they like you?
- Elliott: They dress like me, they use proper posture, and they walk like me, too.
- Narrator: Here comes your father.



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Father: *(loudly)* Elliott, would you like to go have some fun at the aquarium with me?

Elliott: Of course. Thank you for inviting me, Father.

Narrator: So here they are at the aquarium.

Father: I'll sit on the bench and read my *National Geographic*. You go have some fun, Son.

Elliott: I will be in a quiet area, Father.

Narrator: Elliott watched the penguins and read about an explorer. Where are you going now, Elliott?

Elliott: I'm going to ask my father an important question.

Narrator: May I tag along?

Elliott: Please do.

Narrator: There's your father, still reading his *National Geographic*.

Elliott: Father, may I please have a penguin?

Father: Sure, Son. Here's a \$20 bill.

Elliott: You are very kind, Father.

Narrator: Wait, Elliott! Your father thought you meant a stuffed penguin, not a REAL one!

Elliott: Here, I just have to clean out my backpack to make room for one little penguin.

Narrator: But, but ... oh, dear. He's putting the smallest penguin into his backpack! What is his father going to say?

Father: Where's your penguin, Elliott?

Elliott: In my backpack. Thanks for asking.

Narrator: Can this work? Can Elliott really keep a REAL penguin? You can find out when you read this book: One Cool Friend by Toni Buzzeo and David Small.