

Brown Beaver's Surprise Birthday

This is a story where the Beavers are the sound effects. There are six sounds associated with six different words or phrases. Divided into 6 groups, each time the storyteller says the group's word or phrase, the Beavers loudly make their sound.

Key words and actions

Beaver — "Sharing, Sharing, Sharing" (loudly yell motto)

Danger — Clap hands loudly to simulate beaver tail slap

Freddy Frog — "Ribbet, Ribbet, Ribbet"

Birthday — "Surprise, Surprise, Surprise" (loudly)

Snapping Turtle — Extend arms length and clap to simulate snap of snapping turtle

Skunk — Yell, "Phew! Phew! Phew!"

The story

One day, **Brown Beaver's** friend **Sammy Skunk** realized that **Brown Beaver's Birthday** was coming up soon. So, **Sammy Skunk** decided he would give **Brown Beaver** a surprise **Birthday** party and invite all the friends at the pond.

First **Sammy Skunk** rambled over to **Freddy Frog's** lily pad, but **Sammy Skunk** had to sneak by **Brown Beaver's** dam to get to **Freddy Frog's** lily pad. **Sammy Skunk** quietly tiptoed up behind **Brown Beaver's** dam so **Brown Beaver** would not see him.

All of a sudden, **Brown Beaver's** head went up, "What is that smell?" "**Danger**," thought **Brown Beaver**, when really all he could smell was **Sammy Skunk** tiptoeing by on his way to **Freddy Frog's** lily pad.

Next, **Sammy Skunk** had to sneak past **Snapping Turtle's** hide-out. **Sammy Skunk** was scared of the **Danger**. **Snapping Turtle** could eat **Sammy Skunk** with one snap of his strong **Turtle's** beak. **Sammy Skunk** hoped **Snapping Turtle** had not heard **Brown Beaver's** tail slap, meaning **Danger**, or there would be no surprise **Birthday** for **Brown Beaver**.

To the relief of **Sammy Skunk**, there was no sign of **Snapping Turtle** in his hide-out. Then, there was **Freddy Frog** sitting on his lily pad.

"Hey **Freddy Frog**, do you want to come to **Brown Beaver's** surprise **Birthday** party?" asked **Sammy Skunk**.

"I would love to come to **Brown Beaver's** surprise **Birthday**," answered **Freddy Frog**. "Who else is going to the **Birthday**?" asked **Freddy Frog**.

"Let's go back across the dam and invite our friends from the lodge to the **Birthday** party," said **Sammy Skunk**. So **Sammy** and **Freddy** tiptoed back toward **Snapping Turtle's** hide-out. The **Danger** was so close **Sammy Skunk** and **Freddy Frog** were shaking in terror. But there was no **Danger** this time from **Snapping Turtle**, so they made it to the dam.

Now they had to sneak past **Brown Beaver** again, and the **Danger** was that if **Brown Beaver** saw **Sammy** or **Freddy** the surprise **Birthday** party would be discovered. They sneaked by and the **Danger** was over.

The lodge was in sight and **Freddy Frog** and **Sammy Skunk** knocked on the door. Inside

were Rainbow, Tic Tac, Rusty, Bubbles and Hawkeye. "We would like you all to come to **Brown Beaver's** surprise **Birthday** party," invited **Sammy Skunk**.

"It is a surprise, and we have to sneak by **Snapping Turtle's** hide-out," added **Freddy Frog**. "It will be full of **Danger**."

"No problem," said Rainbow, Tic Tac, Rusty, Bubbles and Hawkeye. So, off they all went to **Brown Beaver's** dam for the surprise **Birthday** party.

As they approached **Snapping Turtle's** hide-out, **Danger** was again in the air! "Oh, No!" **Snapping Turtle** stuck his head out and said, "Yum! Lunch!" **Danger** was upon them.

"Oh, please don't eat us," croaked **Freddy Frog**.

"Why not?" thundered **Snapping Turtle**.

"Because," shrieked **Sammy Skunk**, "we want to invite you to **Brown Beaver's** surprise **Birthday** party!"

"Oh, well, that's different then. Will there be cake?" asked **Snapping Turtle**, and it looked like the **Danger** was over.

Everybody went to the dam and yelled, "SURPRISE!!!" **Brown Beaver** had the best **Birthday** ever.