

## ***The Talking Frog***

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Have you ever heard of a talking frog? There was a frog who could talk. The frog did not want to talk.

He asked his friend, "Do you know how to get rid of my voice?" His friend told him to swallow seaweed. So, that's what he did. His friend said, "Did it work?" He sadly said, "No."

The next day he thought who to ask next. Then he jumped up and said, "I will ask my dad." So, that's what he did. His dad was swimming in the pond. The Talking Frog swam to him and asked him, "Do you know how to get rid of my voice?" He said, "Eat mud." "Okay," said the Talking Frog. He ate all kinds of mud. His dad said, "Did it work?" He sadly said, "No." His dad said to ask the wizard. He knows everything.

The wizard was two hours away so he took the Caterbug Express. When he got there the wizard was ... not there! The frog screamed and cried. Then the wizard came down from a ladder and said, "How can I help you?" "Do you know how to get rid of my voice?" said the Talking Frog. "There is only one thing that can get rid of your voice, a magic spell," said the wizard.

Before he could cast the spell the talking frog said, "Stop! There is smoke coming from the window." The wizard said, "The trees are on fire! Talking Frog, you need to warn the other frogs!" The Talking Frog ran and said, "Everybody, the trees are on fire!" So, all the frogs put water on the trees.

Then the Talking Frog realized that talking is good for something. He kept his voice. He was perfect the way he is.