


# Participation Through Drama

## Story Theatre For Mortimer, by Robert Munsch

<b>Parts:</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Mother</li> <li>• Mortimer</li> <li>• Father</li> <li>• Brothers/Sisters (could be the rest of the entire class sitting off to the side)</li> <li>• Two Policemen</li> </ul>	
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Character	Lines	Participation For Non-verbal Student (Sounds effects person)
Mother	One night, Mortimer's mother took him upstairs to go to bed (thump, thump, thump, thump, thump, thump). When they got upstairs, Mortimer's mother opened the door to his room. She threw him into bed and said "Mortimer, Be Quiet!"	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• hit a drum w/assistance for the thump, thump, thump</li> <li>• record on a voice output device loud thumping noise</li> </ul>
Mortimer	(Nodding yes) "Yes, oh yes."	
Mother	The mother shut the door. Then she went back down the stairs... (thump, thump, thump, thump, thump)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• hit a drum w/assistance for the thump, thump, thump</li> <li>• record on a voice output device loud thumping noise</li> </ul>
Mortimer	But as soon as she got back downstairs, Mortimer sang, "Clang, clang, rattle-bing-bang, Gonna make my noise all day. Clang, clang, rattle-bing-bang Gonna make my noise all day."	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• class chants this and it is recorded to be played with a switch</li> <li>• record this on the Step-by-Step communicator to use on cue</li> </ul>
Father	Mortimer's father heard all that noise. He came up the stairs... (thump, thump, thump, thump, thump). He opened the door and yelled, "MORTIMER, BE QUIET!"	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• hit a drum w/assistance for the thump, thump, thump</li> <li>• record on a voice output device loud thumping noise</li> </ul>
Mortimer	Mortimer shook his head "Yes, oh yes, I will..."	
Father	The father went back down the stairs (thump, thump, thump, thump, thump)	
Mortimer	But as soon as he got to the bottom of the stairs, Mortimer sang: "Clang, clang, rattle-bing-bang, Gonna make my noise all day. Clang, clang, rattle-bing-bang Gonna make my noise all day."	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• class chants this and it is recorded to be played with a switch</li> <li>• record this on the Step-by-Step communicator to use on cue</li> </ul>
Brother	All of Mortimer's seventeen brothers and sisters heard that noise and they all came up the stairs... (thump, thump, thump, thump, thump). They opened the door and yelled in a tremendous loud voice	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• hit a drum w/assistance for the thump, thump, thump</li> <li>• record on a voice output device loud thumping noise</li> </ul>

Everyone	"MORTIMER, BE QUIET!"	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• this could be recorded and played with a switch (very loud)</li> </ul>
Mortimer	Mortimer shook his head "Yes, oh yes"	
Sister	The brother and sisters shut the door and went downstairs, (thump, thump, thump, thump, thump).	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• hit a drum w/assistance for the thump, thump, thump</li> <li>• record on a voice output device loud thumping noise</li> </ul>
Mortimer	But as soon as they got to the bottom of the stairs, Mortimer sang: "Clang, clang, rattle-bing-bang, Gonna make my noise all day. Clang, clang, rattle-bing-bang Gonna make my noise all day."	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• class chants this and it is recorded to be played with a switch</li> <li>• record this on the Step-by-Step communicator to use on cue</li> </ul>
Policemen	They got so upset that they called the police. Two policemen came and they walked very slowly up the stairs (thump....thump....thump.... thump....thump....). They opened the door and said in very deep policemen-type voices, "MORTIMER, BE QUIET!" The policemen shut the door and went back down the stairs... (thump....thump....thump.... thump....thump....).	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• hit a drum w/assistance for the thump, thump, thump</li> <li>• record on a voice output device</li> </ul>
Mortimer	But as soon as they got to the bottom of the stairs, Mortimer sang: "Clang, clang, rattle-bing-bang, Gonna make my noise all day. Clang, clang, rattle-bing-bang Gonna make my noise all day."	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• class chants this and it is recorded to be played with a switch</li> <li>• record this on the Step-by-Step communicator to use on cue</li> </ul>
Sister	Well, downstairs, no one knew what to do. The mother got into a big fight with the policemen. The father got into a big fight with the brothers and sisters. Upstairs, Mortimer got so tired waiting for someone to come up that he fell asleep.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• record the sound of snoring and use a speaker to enhance it so that it is very loud at the end of the play</li> </ul>

### Additional Modifications:

- If the student is Mortimer, the repeating phrase: "Yes, oh yes" could be recorded on the Step-by-Step or other device and plugged into speakers for more volume
- The student could enter towards the end of the play and be one of the policemen, dressed in uniform. The voice output device could be programmed with "MORTIMER, BE QUIET!"