

## ***A NEW HOME FOR THE ANIMALS***

**PLACE:** a garden around a house

**Narrator:** In ..... (name the place where you are) there's a cosy little house, with a pretty garden around it. A family named Perfettini lives in this house.

The garden is inhabited too: a little group of animals lives there. But life is not easy for them and one night they meet to decide what to do.

**Bat:** "I can't bear this situation anymore. Each time I meet Mrs. Perfettini, she cries and hurts my delicate ears. She's scared that I could get stuck in her hair. Can you believe it? As I had nothing better to do!"

(**Mrs. Perfettini** enters and cries "A bat – HELP – a bat" and runs away. The bat looks sad and scrolls his/her shoulders.)

**Scaly, the viper:** "And what about me? Every time I go for a stroll in the garden, they immediately take the spade and try to make a pancake out of me."

(**Mr. Perfettini** enters with a spade and tries to hit the viper.)

(**Vanessa the butterfly** and **Sevenspots the ladybird** come on stage together)

**Vanessa the butterfly** (angry): “Mrs. Perfettini sprays poison over plants and flowers.”

**Sevenspots the ladybird** (with a sad voice): “Our kids have stomach-ache.”

(**Mrs Perfettini** enters with a water spray and an angry expression, sprays all around.)

**Strongbeak the woodpecker**: “I have no home anymore, because Mr. Perfettini cut the tree where I had my comfortable nest.”

**Heavenly the blue tit**: “I have no place where to go too.”

(If it’s possible, there should be a cardboard “cut” tree on the ground. Or just the base of a cut tree.)

**Brownie, the roe deer**: “I don’t have a place to jump and run.”

**Waterlily the frog and Longtail the newt**: “We have no pond anymore, for our daily swim.”

**Narrator**: Mr. Perfettini has built a barbecue in its very place.

**Dawny the rabbit**: “Every night I dig a hole to build my den and every morning Mr. Perfettini destroys it.”

**(Mr Perfettini** enters with a nasty smile and his spade.)

**Dawny the rabbit:** “And I heard Mrs. Perfettini saying that she’s going to roast me.”

**(Mrs Perfettini** enters with a hungry expression, holding a pan and a wooden fork.)

**Red, the fox:** “Mr. Perfettini is very angry with me because I ate one of his fat chickens!”

**Mr. Perfettini** comes in and ask to the spectators: “Where is that damned fox? Did you see the fox?”

**Mr. Owl:** “I’m very hungry. Mrs. Perfettini caught the last mouse with a trap.”

**(Mrs Perfettini** enters looking satisfied and holding a paper mouse by the tail.)

**All animals but the owl:** “What can we do?”

**Mr. Owl:** “It’s simple: we have to find a new home. I’ve heard about a beautiful place, called Natural Park, where all animals can find everything they need to eat and build their houses. It’s like heaven!”

**Heavenly the blue tit and Strongbeak the woodpecker:** “Yes, yes, let’s go now, at once.”

(Everybody looks enthusiastic. They go out of the garden, but.....  
WROOM... there comes a cardboard car – or a little toy one. WROOM, another one rushes by.  
Noise of traffic and horns. The animals rush back into the garden).

**All animals** (with fear): “We are trapped!”

(Nobody notices that a **boy**, Mr. and Mrs. Perfettini’s son, comes out in the garden and watches them, smiling.)

**Boy:** \*slight cough\*

(**All animals** look at him, frightened.)

**Boy:** “Don’t run away! I want to help you.”

**Narrator:** The boy loves nature and likes to watch the animals everyday through the kitchen window. He realizes that they need a new home, where they could find everything they need to survive.

The boy knows that not far from home there is a Natural Park. But the journey is full of dangers for the animals that live in his garden. So, the boy decides to escort them.

(**The boy and the animals**, trying not to be noticed, walk out of the garden and they arrive at the “natural park” represented by one/two cardboard trees, or a scenery of a wood and a meadow.

There should be some cardboard big flowers and a “pond”, made with a light blue cloth on the ground)

**Vanessa the butterfly:** “Goodbye, my friends” (flies straight on a wonderful blue flower pretending to sip the nectar) “Delicious!”

**Brownie the roe deer:** (he jumps and runs two or three times and then goes out the scene.)

**Mr. Owl:** “Many mice to eat here! And I can sleep in that pine tree!”

**Scaly the viper:** “No one with a spade here, I’m safe!”

**Strongbeak the woodpecker:** (goes to a tree and immediately starts drilling a new hole in the trunk. Pretend to drill a hole.)

**Heavenly the blue tit:** “Can you drill a hole for me, too?”

**Strongbeak** “Sure, here you are!” (he pretends to drill a hole in another tree.)

**Heavenly the blue tit:** “Thank you very much!”

**Downy the rabbit** and **Red the fox** (pretending to dig each their own den, Downy in the middle of a meadow, Red in the wood). **Both:** “Our new home.”

**Waterlily the frog** and **Longtail the newt:** “HURRAY, there’s a pond too!” (They immediately jump into the water.)

**Sevenspots the ladybird:** “The wild roses are full of delicious aphids: no poison here!” (holding a little plate full of soya beans or peas and start eating.)

**Oto the bat:** “Plenty of insects and no one to cry ‘help’ whenever I fly around.”

**Narrator:** All animals are happy and they are now busy, some of them eating and some working on their new houses. Suddenly they think about the boy, who escorted them to this wonderful place and stood watching them, sad and pleased at the same time.

(The **boy** looks at the **animals**. They gather around him).

**Some animals:** “Thank you!”

**One animal:** “Come and visit us soon.”

**One animal** “You will always be our friend.”

**Boy:** “I’m happy for you: I have a nice home and food. You deserve the same.” (The boy turns to the spectators) “Isn’t it right?”