

There Was An Old Lady

Stage: Beginning readers/school-agers

Objectives: Concept of story sequence

Materials: "There Was an Old Lady" song
Picture of characters in song
Paper grocery sack
Crayons or markers
Clear contact paper or laminate
Scissors
Glue
Plastic bags or envelopes for storage

How to make:

1. Copy the character pictures onto sturdy paper.
2. Color the characters if you prefer.
3. Cover with clear contact paper or laminate.
4. Cut out characters.
5. Glue the old lady picture onto the paper grocery sack.
Cut a hole for her mouth.

How to do: Sing the song with the children (attached). Then, re-sing the last verse that has all of the characters. As you mention each character, put it into the old lady's mouth. Once it seems that the children know the sequence, have them tell you the order to put the characters into the old lady's mouth.

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There Was an Old Lady Who Swallowed a Fly

There was an old lady who swallowed a fly.
I don't know why she swallowed a fly.
Oh me oh my.



There was an old lady who swallowed a spider
That wiggled and jiggled and tickled inside her.
She swallowed the spider to catch the fly.
But I don't know why she swallowed the fly.
Oh me oh my.



There was an old lady who swallowed a bird.
How absurd! She swallowed a bird.
She swallowed the bird to catch the spider
That wiggled and jiggled and tickled inside her.
She swallowed the spider to catch the fly.
But I don't know why she swallowed the fly.
Oh me oh my.



There was an old lady who swallowed a cat.
Think of that! She swallowed a cat.
She swallowed a cat to catch the bird.
She swallowed the bird to catch the spider
That wiggled and jiggled and tickled inside her.
She swallowed the spider to catch the fly.
I don't know why she swallowed the fly.
Oh me oh my.



There was an old lady who swallowed a dog.
What a hog! She swallowed a dog.
She swallowed the dog to catch the cat.
She swallowed a cat to catch the bird.
She swallowed the bird to catch the spider
That wiggled and jiggled and tickled inside her.



She swallowed the spider to catch the fly.
But I don't know why she swallowed the fly.
Oh me oh my.

There was an old lady who swallowed a goat.
It stuck in her throat! She swallowed a goat.
She swallowed the goat to catch the dog.
She swallowed the dog to catch the cat.
She swallowed a cat to catch the bird.
She swallowed the bird to catch the spider
That wiggled and jiggled and tickled inside her.
She swallowed the spider to catch the fly.
But I don't know why she swallowed the fly.



Oh me oh my.

I know an old lady who swallowed a horse.
She's full, of course!





