A group of monkeys were playing on a tree in the jungle. Suddenly, they heard the loud sound of an elephant’s trumpet. The monkeys were afraid. They ran up and down the tree.

Soon the elephant came very close to the tree. A little monkey looked up at the elephant and smiled.
The elephant **picked** up the little monkey and **put** him on his back. The little monkey **shrieked** with joy.

What do you think happened next?

The other monkeys **saw** this. One by one they **dropped** down from the tree onto the elephant’s back. The elephant **started** moving. The monkeys **had** a jolly good elephant ride.

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**To the Teacher**
- Help the children notice the words in bold.
1. Have you ever had a ride on any animal?
2. How did the monkeys feel when they heard the elephant?
3. Why did the little monkey smile at the elephant?
4. Did the elephant like the little monkey?
5. Why did the other monkeys drop down the tree?

Let's Try This

1. Choose the correct form of the words given in the brackets to fill in the blanks. One has been done for you.

   (i) The monkeys **lived** (live) in a jungle.
   (ii) The monkeys ________________ (climb) a tall tree.
   (iii) Suddenly they ________________ (hear) an elephant trumpeting.
   (iv) A little monkey ______ (go) near the elephant.
   (v) The elephant ______ (pick) up the monkey and _____ (give) it a ride.
2. Listen and repeat
   tail  toil
   bail  boil
   ail   oil
   fail  foil
   cane  coin

3. Look at the sentence given below.
   I like milk.
   Now complete the following sentences.
   (Clues: names of fruits, drinks, foods, games, animals, etc.)
   (i) I like ____________.
   (ii) I like ____________.
   (iii) I do not like ____________.
   (iv) I ____________.
   (v) Do you like ____________?
   (vi) We like ____________.
   (vii) We do not like ____________.