



THREE WISHES

A play for two actors and a puppet from Roustabout Theatre Home Delivery

This play is written for you to practise and put on at home.

You could perform it for the people in your household, or why not try filming it on a video call to others in your family, or friends!

There are ideas and hints to help you. The only rule is to **HAVE FUN!**



Did you know?

This play is based on an old English folk tale. We have chosen the names **SANDY** and **CHARLEY** for the two main characters as they are names that are used both by both girls and boys. The fairy **PUCK** also appears in a play by William Shakespeare called **A Midsummer Night's Dream**.

The Characters

There are three characters in this play, but you only need **two actors**. One actor plays **SANDY**, one actor plays **CHARLEY**, and the fairy **PUCK** is played by one of your toys, used as a **puppet**. Decide who you would like to play!

○ **SANDY**

◆ **CHARLEY**

★ **PUCK**

The actor playing **CHARLEY** says **PUCK**'s words in a 'fairy' voice.

Costumes

What do you think that the **SANDY** and **CHARLEY** could wear? They are both poor peasants who live in the woods. They are best friends, but get on each other's nerves...

Props

The things that actors use in a play are called props. They don't have to be real! You can make-believe. For this play, you will need:

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| <input type="checkbox"/> | A handkerchief | <input type="checkbox"/> | A piece of stale bread |
| <input type="checkbox"/> | A sausage | <input type="checkbox"/> | A plate |

✓ Tick them off to make sure you have everything!



How to Put on the Play

The words next to the characters' names are what they say.

The words in **green boxes** are called stage directions, and tell you what the characters do.

When you see the word **[Aside.]** that means that the character is talking to the audience, and the other characters can't hear them.

Suggestions!

The actor using a toy to play **PUCK** could hide behind the sofa, so that we don't see them. When **SANDY** goes home, why not run on the spot, and pretend to push branches out of the way? When they get back to the cottage, they could pretend to be out of breath.

Checklist:

Have you decided which character you will be?

Have you got your costume?

Have you collected your props?

You are ready to go! Here is the script. Let's play!



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**Here you will find what you need to say!
Read the words in black.**



**Here you'll find what
you need to do!**



- SANDY** **[Aside.]** One day I was walking through the woods when I heard a very strange sound.
- ★ PUCK** Achoo! Achoo!! Achoo!!!
- SANDY** **[Aside.]** It sounded like sneezing.
- ★ PUCK** Achoo! Achoo!! Achoo!!!
- SANDY** **[Aside.]** And it was coming from behind a bush.
- ★ PUCK** Achoo! Achoo!! Achoo!!!
- SANDY** **[Aside.]** I looked behind the bush.
- ★ PUCK** Achoo! Achoo!! Achoo!!!
- SANDY** **[Aside.]** And I found a fairy.



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PUCK appears.

SANDY Who are you?

PUCK Achoo! I am the fairy Puck.

SANDY Have you got a cold?

PUCK Achoo! Yes, I have.

SANDY I've got a handkerchief. Shall I help you blow your nose?

PUCK Achoo! Yes, please!

SANDY takes out a handkerchief, and helps **PUCK** blow his nose.

SANDY There you go.

PUCK That's much better. To thank you, I am going to give you three wishes.

SANDY Hooray!



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★ PUCK

But be very careful how you use them.

○ SANDY

Don't worry. I will.

PUCK disappears.

○ SANDY

[Aside.] I ran all the way back to our cottage to tell Charley what had happened.

The actor playing PUCK is now going to play CHARLEY.

○ SANDY

Charley!

◆ CHARLEY

Sandy

○ SANDY

I met a fairy called Puck in the woods. Puck gave me three wishes.

◆ CHARLEY

Hooray! Be very careful how you use them.

○ SANDY

Don't worry. I will.

◆ CHARLEY

What did you bring back for dinner?



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○ SANDY Oh. I was so excited about the fairy that I forgot to get anything for dinner.

◆ CHARLEY You fool!

○ SANDY What have we got to eat?

CHARLEY shows SANDY a plate with a piece of stale bread on it.

◆ CHARLEY Just this piece of stale bread.

○ SANDY That isn't enough for the two of us.

Do you know what I would really like? A big fat sausage.

You know what, I wish I had...

◆ CHARLEY No, Sandy! Don't say it!

○ SANDY I wish I had a big fat sausage.

A sausage appears on the plate by magic.

○ SANDY Oops.



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◆ CHARLEY That was a waste of your first wish. You are such a silly fool.

○ SANDY Oh no, I'm not!

◆ CHARLEY Oh yes, you are! A silly, silly fool.

○ SANDY Stop calling me a fool.

◆ CHARLEY A silly, silly, silly fool!

○ SANDY You know what, I wish that sausage...

◆ CHARLEY No, Sandy! Don't say it!

○ SANDY I wish that sausage was on the end of your nose!

The sausage sticks on CHARLEY's nose by magic.

○ SANDY Oops.

◆ CHARLEY That was a waste of your second wish. You are such a silly fool! Try pulling it off.



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SANDY tries to pull it off, but it is stuck.

◆ CHARLEY

Ow!!! Try twisting it off.

○ SANDY

I could try biting it off.

◆ CHARLEY

No! That would *really* hurt!

○ SANDY

I think that it is stuck there forever.

You are going to have a big fat sausage on the end of your nose for the rest of your life.

◆ CHARLEY

I can't have a big fat sausage on the end of my nose for the rest of my life.

What are we going to do?

○ SANDY

There is only one thing that we can do.

◆ CHARLEY

What?

○ SANDY

I wish that sausage was back on the plate.

The sausage goes back on the plate by magic.



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◆ CHARLEY

Thank you.

○ SANDY

That was the last of my three wishes.

◆ CHARLEY

I know.

○ SANDY

I am such a silly fool.

◆ CHARLEY

Maybe.

But at least we can have sausage for dinner.

The End.