

Model Text – The Giraffe and the Elephant



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In a hot, dry savanna lived two of the biggest mammals on the planet. A spotty, elegant giraffe and a huge, grey elephant. One day, they met next to a small pond.

"I am the biggest animal on the planet" said the elephant. "No, I am the biggest animal on the planet!" shouted the giraffe. They started shouting and soon the whole of the savanna rumbled with all of their noise!

They argued and they got upset, and the elephant stormed off. The elephant started to cry and ran far far away, but he could not see the massive tree in front of him. He banged his head and fell to the ground.

Suddenly, a friendly, cheeky monkey from the tree dropped down and gave the injured elephant a banana. The monkey listened to why the elephant was upset. The monkey said "Does it matter who is the biggest? What matters is that we are friends!".

Finally, the elephant smiled and charged back to the giraffe. The elephant wrapped his trunk around the giraffe's neck and said sorry. They both agreed that they were silly for arguing. "Besides", said the monkey, "the whale is the biggest mammal on the planet!".