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the bush came the strange animal . It was just as his friend had described it and the boy was very frightened . Quickly , he took out the drum which he had brought with him and began to beat it . The strange animal stopped , looked at the boy in surprise , and began to dance . All day , the boy played the drum , keeping the strange animal dancing . As long as he played the drum , he knew that there was nothing that the strange animal could do to harm him . At last , when night came , the strange animal stopped dancing and disappeared back into the bush . The boy knew that it had gone back to its cave and so he was able to walk home safely . When he reached home though , his aunt had prepared her screams .

‘ Where is all the fruit ? ’ she shouted . Thinking that he had eaten it , she then began to beat him until the boy was able to run away from her and hide in his own hut . The boy told his father the next day of the real reason why he had been unable to bring back fruit from the tree . He explained that there had been a strange animal there and that he had had to play his drum to keep the animal dancing . The father listened and told the story to the aunt , who scoffed at the boy . ‘ There are no strange animals at that place , ’ she said . ‘ You must be making all this up . ’ But the father believed the boy and said that the next day , they would all go to the fruit place with him . The aunt thought that this was a waste of time , but she was not going to miss any chance of shouting , and so she came too . When the family reached the tree , there was no strange animal . The aunt began to pick fruit from the tree and stuff it into her pockets . She called to the boy to give her his drum and then she

hung it on the branch of a tree in a place where he would not be able to get at it easily . ‘ You must pick fruit , ’ she shouted to the boy . ‘ You must not play a drum in idleness . ’ The boy obeyed his aunt , but all the time he was listening for any sounds to come from the bush . He knew that sooner or later the strange animal would appear and that they would then all be in danger . When the strange animal did come , it went straight to the boys father and mother and quickly ate them up . Then the aunt tried to run away , but the strange animal ran after her and ate her too . While this was happening , the boy had the time to reach up for his drum from the branch of the fruit tree . Quickly , he began to play his drum , which made the strange animal stop looking for people to eat and begin to dance . As the boy played his drum faster and faster , the strange animal danced more and more quickly . Eventually , the boy played so fast that the animal had to spit out the father and the mother . The boy was very pleased with this and began to play more slowly . At this moment , the strange animals dancing became slower . ‘ You must play your drum fast again , ’ the boys father said , ‘ Then the strange animal will have to spit out your aunt . ’ ‘ Do I have to ? ’ the boy asked , disappointed that he would not be allowed to leave the aunt in the stomach of the strange animal . ‘ Yes , ’ the boys father said sternly . ‘ You must . ’ Reluctantly , the boy again began to play the drum and the strange animal began to dance more quickly . After a few minutes it was dancing so quickly that it had to spit out the aunt . Then darkness came and the strange animal went back to its cave . The aunt was

very quiet during the journey back home . The next day she was quiet as well , and she never shouted at the boy again . Having been swallowed by a strange animal had taught the aunt not to waste her time shouting ; now , all that she wanted to do was to sit quietly in the sun . The boy was very happy . Homework : Talk about the story with your partner . Make notes about the boy , the aunt and the father . 100Test 下载频道开通 , 各类考试题目直接下载。详细请访问 [www.100test.com](http://www.100test.com)