



Reducing the cast size

Minimum Cast Number: **18**

Here is our suggestion to reduce the cast size without compromising the plot.

The roles of 'Novice Head' in Scene 3 can be reduced to three characters with their lines redistributed.

The roles of 'Narrator' in Scene 5 can be reduced to one who reads all lines.

The children in Scene 4 can be reduced to six with their lines redistributed.

Apart from the family, all the other characters only appear in one Scene. This allows for the 'doubling-up' of parts played by your cast, thus reducing the number you need to fulfil all the main roles, see suggestions below:

Speaking Part	Also playing part/s
Presenter #1 (Sc 1)	Head #1 (Sc 3)
Presenter #2 (Sc 1)	Head #2 (Sc 3)
Teacher (Sc 2)	Teacher (Sc 4)
Boys #1, #2, #3 (Sc 2)	Child #1, #2, #3 (Sc 4)
Girls #1, #2, #3 (Sc 2)	Child #4, #5, #6 (Sc 4)
Photographer (Sc 2)	Narrator (Sc 5)
Novice Head #1 (Sc 3)	Janet (Sc 5)
Novice Head #2 (Sc 3)	John (Sc 5)
Novice Head #3 (Sc 3)	Mother (Sc 5)
Boy #4 (Sc 2)	Father (Sc 5)
Non-Speaking Parts	Also playing part/s
6 Models (Sc 1)	6 Caned Kids (Sc 3)

Increasing the cast size

To **100+**

For this production, you can have **unlimited numbers of extra non-speaking characters** who They could also feature prominently in the performance of the song associated with their particular scene:

Non-speaking part	Appearing in scene/s
More Navy-Blue-Knickered Kids	1
More Photographed Kids	2
More Novice Heads	3
More Milky Children	4

You could also have a dedicated choir seated to one side of the stage, to sing all songs – number unlimited.

Please get in touch if you have any further questions about staging this musical – we're always happy to help!