

Frog Goes to Dinner by Mercer Mayer

A boy was getting dressed in his bedroom. His pet dog, frog and turtle watched as he put on his best clothes.

While the boy was petting the dog, the frog jumped into his coat pocket. The boy didn't know he was there. As the boy left with his family, he waved and said "Goodbye" to his pets. The frog waved goodbye too.

When the boy and his family arrived at a fancy restaurant, the doorman helped them out of the car. The frog peaked out of the boy's pocket but no one noticed him.

The boy and his family sat down at a table in the restaurant. While they were looking at the menus, the frog jumped out of the boy's pocket towards the band.

The frog landed right in the man's saxophone! "Squeak" went the saxophone. The man looked inside the saxophone to see why it made that awful noise.

Then the frog fell out of the horn and landed right on the saxophone player's face! The saxophone player was so surprised that he fell backwards into the drum.

The drummer yelled at the saxophone player, "Look what you did to my drum- it's broken!" While they were arguing, the frog jumped away on a plate of lettuce salad.

The waiter didn't notice the frog. He served the salad to a woman. Just as she was about to take a bite, the frog popped out of the lettuce. The woman was shocked to see the frog.

She screamed and fell back on her chair. The frog was frightened and he jumped away. There was a man at the next table who was having a glass of wine with his wife. The frog landed right in his glass.

The woman complained to the waiter about getting a salad with a frog in it. She was very angry! Meanwhile, when the man went to take a sip of his drink, the frog kissed him right on the nose.

The angry waiter was about to grab the frog who was waving goodbye to the man and his wife.

The waiter, who had caught the frog, was going to throw him out of the restaurant. But the boy saw the waiter carrying his frog and shouted, "Hey, that's my frog!" The boy's mother told him to be quiet.

The boy asked the waiter to give him back his frog. The angry waiter told the boy and his family, "Take your frog and get out of this restaurant at once. Don't you ever bring that frog in here again!"

On the way home the boy's family was angry with him. The frog had ruined their dinner!

When they got home the boy's father scolded him, "You go to your room and stay there!" The dog and the turtle peeked around the corner to see what was going on.

When they got in his room, the boy and the frog laughed about everything that had happened at the restaurant. The more they thought about it, the more they laughed.