



Season 43 MonsterBook



Abby Cadabby

An inquisitive 3-year-old, Abby is the daughter of the Fairy Godmother and is a fairy-in-training herself. She is learning magic but is not quite proficient yet and has a propensity for turning things into pumpkins with her training wand. She comes from a storybook world and is well-versed in fairytales, as they are a part of her family history. Abby loves to practice her magic and rhyming, but what she finds truly amazing and magical is what she discovers on *Sesame Street*, such as learning to count and drawing a letter with a crayon. These new things are utterly enchanting to her and she will often say “That’s so magical!”



Aloysius Snuffleupagus (“Snuffy”)

Snuffy loves playing with his best friend Big Bird. The two share many adventures and help each other make sense of their world. Like most 4-year-olds, Snuffy is still learning how to cope with simple things, and his first impulse is often to give up. But with encouragement from his feathered friend and the other *Sesame Street* characters, he usually finds a solution to his problems.



Baby Bear

Baby Bear, borrowed from the enduring “The Three Bears” story, continues to engage young viewers through his adventurous spirit and his role as a wonderful older brother to his baby sister, Curly Bear. Like a young child, Baby Bear is territorial about his things. Children relate to his difficulty in sharing. However, he is open to new experiences and is also learning to cooperate and share with others. Telly Monster is a close buddy.



Bert

Bert is the long-suffering sidekick of Ernie. He is more mature and analytical and he considers himself the voice of reason in their relationship. Though seemingly older and wiser, Bert can be rather eccentric. He collects bottle caps and paper clips, plays the tuba and loves Bernice, his pet pigeon. Bert is not always a willing participant in Ernie's escapades; he correctly senses that the tables are destined to be turned on him, or that he will end up on the short end of the stick. However, Bert always forgives Ernie, forever remaining his "old buddy."



Big Bird

Big Bird is an 8'2" tall 6-year-old yellow bird who is "every kid." Children understand and identify with Big Bird's excitement over new things as well as his disappointment when things don't work out or when he makes mistakes. They also see his willingness to try again, to correct his mistakes and just by being persistent, find solutions to problems.



Cookie Monster

Cookie Monster is a frenzied, but cuddly, character who preschoolers can identify with, specifically with his efforts to master words and phrases, and learn basic problem-solving skills from his eternal quest to find more food. Cookie Monster loves cookies, of course, but will eat anything from carrots to bicycles and even letters of the day. At the end of the day, Cookie Monster will always share his last cookie with a friend.



Count von Count

Count von Count bears a comical resemblance to Count Dracula, but that is where the similarity ends. The Count thirsts for numbers, not necks. He will count anything and everything, and his totals are usually punctuated by a bone-jarring thunder clap.



Elmo

Elmo is a 3 ½-year-old red monster with a high pitched voice and a contagious giggle. Enthusiastic, friendly and cheerful, he always wants to be part of everything that goes on. However, like most preschoolers, he sometimes doesn't have the skills or knowledge to do what he wants. But that never stops him because he has a very positive, optimistic view of himself and life.



Ernie

Ernie, the outgoing foil to the more serious and responsible Bert, is great at explaining things, but can sometimes be a bit too smart for his own good. Ernie talks himself into some tight corners and often falls prey to his own jokes, yet his free-spirited approach to his successes and failures makes him one of *Sesame Street's* most enduring and likeable characters.



Grover

Grover, *Sesame Street's* gregarious blue monster, accomplishes his tasks with the childlike exuberance that has been making young viewers laugh (and occasionally cringe) for more than four decades. He is excitable, caring and compulsive — a combination that proves particularly volatile when he rushes into situations without analyzing the consequences. Children connect with Grover when he is confounded by adult logic, and share his fantasy of competence and control when he becomes “Super Grover,” a problem-solving superhero who can do no wrong.



Super Grover

Super Grover is Grover's furry, blue and enormously cute alter ego. A superhero more exuberant and well-meaning than actually helpful, he is known for his cape and medieval knight's helmet (which always seems to close at all the wrong moments) and his accident-prone tendencies. More often than not, Super Grover lands right in the middle of problems, and as he makes ridiculous suggestions and offers help that is in no way helpful, the problems get solved without his contributions. Convinced beyond any shadow of a doubt that he's the one who's saved the day (and the world in general), he flies off in search of new, exciting and heroic adventures (undoubtedly messing things up once again).



Murray

Murray is an inquisitive and outgoing monster that is always asking people to define words. He loves doing science experiments, meeting new people and visiting exciting places with his little lamb, Ovejita. Murray acts as the host of *Sesame Street*, introducing the letter and number of the day as well as various segments of the show.



Oscar the Grouch

Oscar, the resident Grouch on *Sesame Street*, despises all things nice and sweet. He loves collecting junk, standing in line, arguing, rainy days and anchovy milk shakes. One thing Oscar does not like is children playing in front of his garbage can.



Rosita

Rosita is an exuberant, playful girl whose full name, Rosita la Monstrua de las Cuevas, means “The Monster of the Caves.” She hails from Mexico and speaks both Spanish and English, often mixing words from both languages when she speaks. Rosita uses her hands when she communicates with others, conveying her warmth with lots of touching and hugging.



Telly Monster

Telly Monster is an intense and earnest monster who worries about disasters that could never happen. He has tremendous compassion and empathy for everything and everyone. He is Baby Bear’s best friend, and the two boys are very protective of each other. Through this relationship, young viewers gain an understanding that friendships have ups and downs and can sometimes take a lot of work. Telly is also the “Monster on the Spot” correspondent.



Zoe

Zoe, a furry 3-year-old girl monster, gets so excited sometimes that her words cannot get out fast enough. When she is excited and wants to tell someone something, often times she’ll forget for a second what that something is. She LOVES Big Bird, he is her favorite person in the world! Zoe can also get jealous if she doesn’t get enough attention.