

## The Elevator That Just Wouldn't Listen

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Once upon a time, there was an elevator who just wouldn't listen. Clara and Levi were taking a ride upstairs. Levi pushed the button, but the elevator did not come down. It just stayed on the 3<sup>rd</sup> floor, singing a little song to itself: "I'm staying up, there's no way you can ride me. I won't listen even if you call me."

Levi got impatient. He couldn't wait any more because they needed to go to school. He yelled as loud as he could, "LISTEN HERE! DO YOUR JOB. THAT'S WHAT ELEVATORS DO!!! THEY DON'T JUST SIT—THEY MOVE!" The elevator felt stubborn. He just wouldn't move. He was tired of doing so much work.

Along came a big FROG. "Ribbit!" he said to the elevator. At first, the elevator didn't even notice. So the frog said, "I can tell that you don't speak Frog, so I'll talk in English." He hopped across the hall and found a Frog-English dictionary in Miss Hoppy's class. After a few minutes, he came out and said, "Listen up, you need to start moving. I know it's hard to get started, so I will hop you right down." He hopped against the closed door, but it just wouldn't open.

Meanwhile, Levi had given up on the elevator and taken the friendly stairway. He went upstairs to tell a teacher that Clara was stuck at the bottom. On the way he passed the frog. The frog said, "I think we need a key – I can't get this door open."

About that time, the elevator was sooooo sleepy that it decided to yawn. As soon as it yawned, the frog and Levi jumped in. They wanted to go downstairs and pick up Clara. She was still waiting beside the cafeteria.

Levi and Frog said, "Come on elevator, go on down. We'll help. They hopped and hopped, and hopped, until they couldn't hop any more. Every time they hopped, the elevator giggled (Hee, Hee, Hee, Hee), and it went down just a little bit more. It couldn't help itself. It was just too much fun to go down to the basement together.

When they got to the basement, everyone was happy, most of all Clara. “I am late for my meeting. It started right after breakfast, and I’ve been waiting for 15 minutes. Let’s go up on high speed.” The elevator said, “I only have one speed that I know of--#10.” Frog, Clara, and Levi said, “We can boost you up with our high energy hops!” They hopped at #100 for a few seconds and the elevator went up ZOOM, BANG! The frog said, “Woo, what a workout!”

The elevator said, “Frog, can you stay with me? It’s easier to listen and to move when you’re here hopping me along.”

The elevator said, “Sure.” And Frog lived on the elevator from then on.