

# Squirrel's New Year's Resolution by Pat Miller



## Characters:

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| Squirrel | Mole       | Skunk      | Rabbit     |
| Dr. Owl  | Porcupine  | Narrator 1 | Narrator 2 |
| Turtle   | Narrator 3 | Narrator 4 |            |

Narrator 1      The radio announced that it is January first. It's a great day to make a resolution.

Squirrel          How do you make a resolution? Bear might know.

Narrator 2      Squirrel went to visit Bear at the Lonewood Library.

Bear              Happy New Year!

Squirrel          Same to you, Bear. What's a resolution?

Bear              It's a promise you make to yourself to do better or to help others. When we begin a new year, we make a fresh start.

Squirrel          Wow! Did you make a resolution?

Bear              I resolved to teach others how to read. I'm going to teach Skunk as soon as she gets well.

Squirrel          Oh, no! Skunk is still sick.

Narrator 1      Squirrel hurried to visit Skunk. She forgot about her resolution.

Skunk            I'm stuck in bed until Dr. Owl says I'm better. I would rather be learning to read. That's my New Year's resolution.

Narrator 2      Squirrel played Hide and Skunk to cheer her up. She hid at the foot of the bed. Then she popped up and said

Squirrel          Boo!

Narrator 1      Squirrel popped up and down, each time saying Boo until Skunk was laughing hard.

Narrator 2      Just then Dr. Owl came by.

Dr. Owl            Skunk, your laughter tells me you are feeling better. You can visit Bear after you eat a good lunch.

Squirrel            Lunch! I'm going to the Hidey Hole Diner.

Narrator 1        On her way, she met Mole and Turtle who were looking at a map.

Squirrel            What are you doing?

Mole                Turtle and I resolve to plant a garden. But I can't find a good place to dig with all these trees.

Squirrel            Wait here. I'll climb this oak tree for a better view.

Narrator 4        She climbed back down to report to Mole and Turtle.

Squirrel            I know the perfect place.

Narrator 3        Squirrel helped them stake out string for the borders of the garden.

Mole                Thanks, Squirrel. We will start digging right after lunch.

Squirrel            Lunch! And I still haven't thought of a resolution.

Narrator 4        At the Hidey Hole Diner, Squirrel sat next to Porcupine.

Squirrel            What's wrong?

Skunk              I resolved to be less grumpy. I'm trying to laugh more. But I can't think of anything funny.

Squirrel            I know something funny. Why did the squirrel run back and forth across the road?

Porcupine        I don't know. Why did the squirrel run back and forth across the road?

Squirrel            Because she was nuts!

Porcupine        Ha, ha! I get it! What's striped and bouncy?

Squirrel            Tell me!

Porcupine        Skunk on a trampoline!

Narrator 3 Squirrel laughed herself right off the stool.

Porcupine That's a good one! I'd better write these down!

Narrator 4 Squirrel felt left out.

Squirrel Porcupine has a resolution. So do Bear and Skunk and Mole and Turtle. I'm the only animal in the forest who hasn't made a New Year's resolution.

Rabbit Would you like to try my New Year's Special?

Squirrel Sure. Maybe it will help me make a resolution. I wish I knew how.

Rabbit Think of a way to improve yourself. Or a way to help others.

Narrator 3 Squirrel ate her lunch special and thought hard.

Narrator 4 Just then, Skunk came in.

Skunk I need a healthy lunch. Thanks to Squirrel, I'm feeling better!

Bear Sit with me, Skunk. I see you brought our first book.

Mole What do you have for two thirsty animals who just started a garden?

Turtle Squirrel found a terrific place for it.

Porcupine Hey! Do you know why Bear said "Caw, caw?" He was learning another language!

Turtle I didn't know you were so funny, Porcupine.

Porcupine Me, either. Squirrel got me started.

Rabbit You're doing a good job on your resolution.

Squirrel I didn't know I had one.

Rabbit Your actions are better than words. It looks like you resolved to help someone every day.

Squirrel Really? I did it! I made my very first resolution.

All Hurray for Squirrel!

Narrator 3 It was going to be a very happy New Year.