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*Teacher Notes and Activities*

## Too Many Elephants In This House

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*In Eric's house there were too many elephants – in the living room, in the kitchen, in the bathroom, even in his bedroom!*

The elephants take up a lot of space, but Eric loves every one of them. So when his mum says they have to go, Eric comes up with a clever solution to a very BIG problem . . .

From the creators of *The Terrible Plop* comes this delightfully energetic story, full of fun and exuberance.



### Themes:

- Imagination
- Solving problems
- Growing up
- Giving things up

### Discussion Points:

- How did Eric feel when his Mum said that he had to give up his elephants?
- Were the elephants real or in his imagination?
- If you could have any animal living in your house, what would it be? Why did you choose that animal? Make a list of the things that you would be able to do together.
- Have you ever had to give something up that you loved? If so, what? How did you feel? What things did you do to get over it?
- Is it a sign of growing up when we have to give things up? Explore.
- If you had elephants living at your house, what games would you play with them?
- When Eric had to think up a solution to his elephant problem, he came up with a number of ideas. As a class, come up with a list of interesting and imaginative solutions to where the elephants could go.

### Activities:

- Make your own elephant puppet and then in groups of 4 or 5, put on a puppet show for the rest of your class. Your group may also like to make puppets of the other animals that you came up with from discussion point 3 above, and incorporate these into your show.
- Study the book carefully. How many elephants can you find in the entire book. Compare your answers to others in the class.