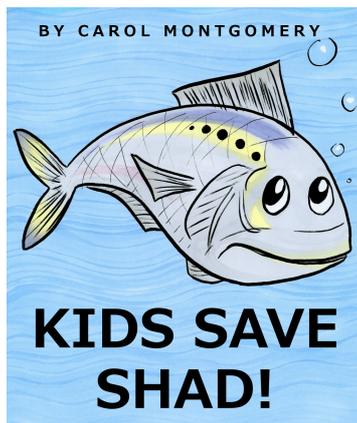


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TIME: a little over a minute CAST: 3+ (choral) TONE: light, educational READABILITY: grade 1.0

Since this free Readers Theater script is short, here is the complete "Shad Rhythm and Cheer", but if you like it download it from the

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Shad Rhythm and Cheer

A Choral Readers Theater
(From "Students Save Shad--Part I")
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Narrator: The American Shad's Story...

Team #1: Shad needed a safe place to lay their eggs...
so they'd hatch, so they'd hatch, so they'd hatch.

Team #2: But it had to be away from the sea...
where they'd hatched, where they'd hatched,
where they'd hatched.

Team #3: Overfishing, over wishing for more shad...
took some out, took some out, took some out.

Team #4: River pollution-- not the solution...
took more out, took more out, took more out.

Team #5: An extra dam stole the place they swam...
took them out, took them out, took them out.

Team #6: When they couldn't find the place in their minds...
where they hatched, where they hatched,
where they hatched...

Team #7: We stepped in to help them win,
so they'd hatch, so they'd hatch, so they'd hatch!

All: (*cheers*) Clean the river, save the stream,
Rescue our waterways. Yea, shad!

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All: (*cheer*)

(Optional) **Narrator:** The End.

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