

The Country Mouse and the City Mouse

One sunny spring day, City Mouse went to visit his cousin in the country. Country Mouse was happy to see his cousin. He made a bed of straw in the barn. "You can sleep here," he told City Mouse. He gathered seeds. "Here are seeds to eat," said Country Mouse.



"I don't see how you can eat this food," said City Mouse. "And how can you sleep in straw? Come to the city with me and I'll show you how to live."

The two mice set off for town. It was late when they came to the house where City Mouse lived. City Mouse showed his cousin a nest of cotton rags. "This is where we will sleep," he said. "But let's eat before we go to bed."

City Mouse led his cousin to the dining room. Soon the mice were eating bread crusts, peas, and cake. While the mice were eating, danger was coming closer. Suddenly they heard a loud snarl. "It's the cat!" shouted City Mouse.

In the blink of an eye, the cat pounced. The mice scampered off the table and ran into a hole in the wall. Country Mouse could feel his heart pounding. "As soon as the cat is gone, I'm going home."

"Why are you going so soon?" asked City Mouse.

"It's better to eat seeds in a safe place," said Country Mouse, "than to eat cake where there is danger." And off he went.

Name _____



**Questions about
The Country Mouse and the City Mouse**

1. When did City Mouse visit his cousin?

2. Which mouse lived in a barn?

3. What did Country Mouse do for his cousin?

4. Why did the mice go to the city?

5. What did the mice find to eat on the table?

6. What danger did the mice find in the city?

7. Why are cats dangerous to mice?

8. What lesson did Country Mouse learn?

Name _____



What Happened Next?

Cut out the sentences below.
Paste them in order.

City Mouse went to visit Country Mouse.

1.

2.

3.

4.

5.

6.

Country Mouse went home.



“Come to the city with me,” said City Mouse.

Country Mouse made a nest of straw for his cousin.

The cat snarled and pounced on the table.

“How can you eat these seeds?” said City Mouse.

The mice ate bread crusts, peas, and cake in the city.

The mice ran into a hole in the wall.

Name _____



What Does It Mean?

Match:

visit

straw

cousin

scamper

danger

crusts

country

dried grain stems

your uncle's child

a place outside of town

the brown edges of bread

something harmful

to go to see someone

to run

What does **in the blink of an eye** mean?

Draw the picture for each word or words.

City Mouse

Country Mouse

straw

seeds

Name _____



Missing Sounds

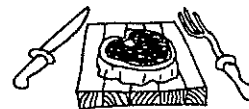
Write the missing sounds in these words: ee ea



sl _____ p



_____ t



m _____ t



p _____ s



s _____ ds



thr _____

Write a sentence using each word.

1. _____

2. _____

3. _____

4. _____

5. _____

6. _____

Sounds of C

Read the words.

Write the sound you hear c make (k or s).

1. come _____

4. cereal _____

7. cent _____

2. city _____

5. cat _____

8. country _____

3. cousin _____

6. mice _____

Name _____



Who Said It?

Draw lines from each mouse to what he said.



- "Here are seeds to eat."
- "But let's eat before we go to bed."
- "How can you sleep in straw?"
- "I'm going home."
- "Come to the city with me and I'll show you how to live."
- "It's the cat!"
- "It's better to eat seeds in a safe place than to eat cake where there is danger."
- "You can sleep here."