

The Town Mouse and the Country Mouse

Once upon a time, a town mouse took a trip to the countryside and met a country mouse. The country mouse invited the town mouse to his home for dinner. They sat down to eat a dinner of fresh peas and corn but the town mouse didn't like the country food.



"This food is boring!" the town mouse said. "You should come and sample the food in town."

"I will," said the country mouse.



They arrived at the town mouse's house and headed straight for the cupboard. Inside, there were jars of jelly, pickles, rice, pasta and much more. The country mouse was amazed.

All of the sudden, the kitchen door swung open and the cook walked in. The mice jumped out of the cupboard and ran across to the mouse hole.



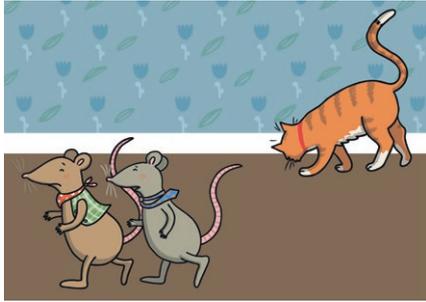
The country mouse was terrified.

When the coast was clear, the mice ventured out to find more food. This time, they went to the pantry and found a jar of prunes to eat.

"I've never eaten anything like it!" said the country mouse. "Thank you, town mouse."

The country mouse was munching through the prunes when the town

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mouse whispered. "Quiet!" The cat had crept into the kitchen.

The mice tiptoed back to the hole. They went to the cellar. There was even more food. There were cheeses, meat and big bags of fruit!

The country mouse saw a tasty-looking piece of cheese in the corner. He ran towards it and was about to eat it.

"Stop!" yelled the town mouse. "It's a mousetrap!"

"Oh dear!" said the country mouse. "I think it's time for me to go. There are too many shocks here! I'd rather eat my boring food in peace than have all these shocks and danger."



It is better to have a little and live in peace than have a lot and live in fear.

Questions

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the sea and the mountains

the town and the country

the park and the cottage

2. Why did the town mouse say that the country mouse should come to his house? Check one.

to see the buildings

to try the delicious food

to go to a party

3. Match the sentences. The first one has been done for you.

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The cat had crept	to the mouse hole.
They set off	into the kitchen

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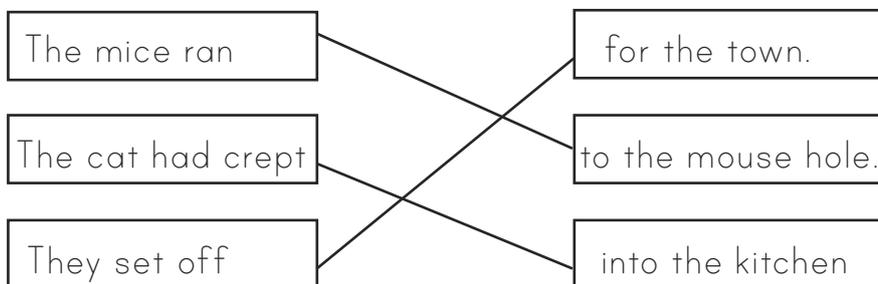
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The cook and the cat scare the country mouse.

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