THE TOWN MOUSE AND THE COUNTRY MOUSE
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This is Country Mouse’s home.
One day his friend, Town Mouse, comes to see him.
‘Hello, Country Mouse!’ says Town Mouse.
‘Hello, my friend!’ says Country Mouse.
There’s a lot to eat. But Town Mouse thinks the food is strange. He doesn’t like it very much. So he only eats a little bit.

‘Please have some more,’ says Country Mouse. ‘It’s very nice,’ says Town Mouse, ‘but no thank you.’
Country Mouse gives Town Mouse his bed.  
‘You can have my bed tonight,’ he says.  
‘Thank you,’ says Town Mouse.

But Country Mouse’s bed is strange.  
Town Mouse doesn’t like it very much. He can’t go to sleep. It’s very dark and quiet.
In the morning
Town Mouse is tired.
But County Mouse isn’t tired.

‘Come on!’ he says.
‘Let’s go and get some food.’
The grass is long and wet.
Town Mouse’s feet and trousers are wet. He doesn’t like the country very much!
There’s a cow in the field.

‘Oh!’ cries Town Mouse.
‘What’s that?’
‘It’s only a cow!’ laughs Country Mouse.
‘Do you like the country?’ asks Country Mouse.

‘It’s very strange here,’ says Town Mouse.

‘It’s very interesting. It’s different. But I think I like the town best.’
‘Life is good in the country,’ says Country Mouse.  
‘Yes,’ says Town Mouse.  
‘But I like the town better.’  
‘It’s nice and warm and dry in the town. It isn’t dark at night and there’s a lot to see. It’s very interesting.  
‘And the food! Oh, there’s a lot of food!’  
‘Let’s go there. Come with me and see.’
The next day the two mice see a cart. It’s going to town.

‘Hurry up, you sheep!’ says the man. ‘I want to go to town.’

‘Listen,’ says Town Mouse. ‘That cart’s going to town. Come on.’
Soon Town Mouse is home.

‘Ah!’ he says, happily. ‘It’s good to be home again.’

But Country Mouse thinks: ‘What a lot of noise! What a lot of people!’
The house is very big. Country Mouse doesn’t like it very much. Suddenly there is a strange noise. ‘Oh! What’s that?’ he says. ‘It’s only the clock,’ laughs Town Mouse. ‘Look! I live there. Let’s go and eat. Come on!’
There’s a lot to eat. But Country Mouse thinks the food is strange. He doesn’t like it very much. So he only eats a little bit.

‘Please have some more,’ says Town Mouse. ‘It’s very nice,’ says Country Mouse, ‘but no thank you.’
Town Mouse gives Country Mouse his bed.
‘You can have my bed tonight,’ he says.
‘Thank you,’ says Country Mouse.

But Town Mouse’s bed is strange.
Country Mouse doesn’t like it very much. He can’t go to sleep. It’s very dark and quiet.
In the morning
Country Mouse is tired.
But Town Mouse
isn’t tired.

‘Come on!’ he says.
‘Let’s go and get some food.’

But there’s a cat and they
can’t go out.
At last the cat goes away. The two mice are very hungry.

Suddenly, Country Mouse sees something.

‘Look!’ he shouts. ‘Cheese!’

‘STOP!’ shouts Town Mouse. ‘Don’t touch that!’ It’s a trap!’
‘Do you like the town?’ asks Town Mouse.

‘It’s very strange here,’ says Country Mouse.

‘It’s interesting. It’s different. But I think I like the country best.’
'Life is good in the town,' says Town Mouse.
'Yes,' says Country Mouse.
'But I like the town better.'
'It’s nice and quiet in the country.'
'I understand,' says Town Mouse. 'We like different things.'
The next day they see a cart. It’s going to the town.

‘Hurry up, you children!’ says the driver. ‘I want to go to country.’

‘Listen,’ says Country Mouse. ‘That cart’s going to country. Goodbye, my friend. Thank you.’

‘Write to me,’ says Town Mouse.
Soon Country Mouse is home. He’s in the country. He sits by the fire.

‘Ah!’ he says happily. ‘It’s good to be home again.’
Exercises

Complete the words.

1 c________
2 f________
3 g________
4 c________
5 f________
Exercises

Complete the words.

1 c________
2 t________
3 c________
4 c________
Choose $a$, $b$, or $c$.

1 Town Mouse sleeps in Country Mouses’s …
   a  garden  b  bed  c  cart

2 In the country at night, it’s very …
   a  noisy  b  quiet  c  dry

3 Town Mouse wants to go back to …
   a  the town  b  the country  c  the fields

4 In the town, there are a lot of ...
   a  fields  b  sheep  c  people

5 Country Mouse thinks the town is very ...
   a  strange  b  quiet  c  dark
Answer the questions.

1. Is this the country? ________
   Is it quiet here? __________

2. Is this a house? ___________
   Is it small? ________________

3. Who’s this? ________________
   Is he happy? _______________
   Does he like it here? ________
What do they say? Write the words.

1. You can have my bed tonight.
2. Hurry ____________!
3. Oh! ____________?
4. ____________ me.
Picture Dictionary

- grass
- trap
- mouse
- trousers
- cheese
- clock
Picture Dictionary

tired  He is tired.

dark  It is dark.

wet  It is wet.

dry  It is dry.

warm  He is warm.
Picture Dictionary

cart

cow

feet

fire

sheep
Picture Dictionary

country

field

town

street

noise

food
Before you read, can you match the words with the pictures?

1 mouse
2 cheese
3 town
4 sheep
5 clock
6 fire
7 trousers
8 country
Activities

Pages 2-3
Answer the questions.

1 Who is it? It’s ______________.
   Is he in the town now? __________.
   Where is he? He’s in the __________.

2 Who is it? It’s ______________.
   Who comes to see him? __________.
   Does Town Mouse eat a lot? _______.
Circle the correct words. Then complete the sentences.

1 Town Mouse is Country Mouse’s ________.
   brother    friend    father

2 One day he comes to Country Mouse’s ________.
   home      school    shop

3 There’s a lot to ________.
   do        eat      see

4 But Town Mouse thinks the ________ is strange.
   table     room     food

5 He doesn’t ________ it very much.
   look at    need     like

6 So he only eats ________ bit.
   a little   big      another
Circle the mistake in each sentences. Then write the correct word.

1 Town Mouse sleeps in Country Mouse’s chair. _______

2 Outside it’s very white and quiet. _______

3 In the morning Town Mouse is happy. _______

4 But country Mouse wants to get some money. _______
Put the words in the correct order.

1 Country his Mouse bed Mouse gives Town. _______________________________

2 can bed You my have tonight. _______________________________

3 is Country bed But strange Mouse’s. _______________________________

4 much like Mouse doesn’t Town it very. _______________________________

5 sleep can’t to go He. _______________________________

6 very It’s quiet dark and. _______________________________

7 Mouse is In tired morning the Town. _______________________________

8 get go some and food Let’s. _______________________________
Activities

Pages 6-7
Write the words. Then complete the sentences.

1. The _______ is long and wet.
2. Town Mouse’s _____ and trousers are wet.
3. He doesn’t like the _______ very much!
4. There’s a cow in the _______.
5. ‘It’s only a ____ !’ laughs country Mouse.
6. Town Mouse says, ‘I think the _______ best.’
What does Town Mouse says? Circle the correct words.

‘I like the town a little/better.
It’s bad/nice and warm/cold and dry/wet in the country/town.
It isn’t cold/dark at night/home and there’s a lot/everything to see/buy.
It’s very quiet/interesting. And it’s/there’s a lot of water/food!
Let’s go there/here.
Come with/near me and help/see.’
Answer the questions.

1. What are they?
   They are ____________.
   What does the man say to them?
   ‘_____________ up!’

2. What is it? It’s a ____________.
   Where is it going?
   It’s ____________________.

3. What are they?
   They are two ____________.
   Does Town Mouse want to go in the cart? ________________.
Activities

Pages 10-11
Write the words. Match the pictures with the sentences.

1. Town Mouse and Country Mouse are in the _______.  
2. There are a lot of _________.  
3. The _________ makes a strange noise.  
4. Town Mouse lives _________.

Options: here, town, clock, people
Write the words.

Soon  much  only  happily  Suddenly

1  ___________ Town Mouse is home.

2  ‘It’s good to be home again,’ he says, ____________.

3  Country Mouse doesn’t like the big house very ____________.

4  ___________ there is a strange noise.

5  ‘It’s ____________ the clock,’ laughs Town Mouse.
Activities

Pages 12-13
Choose  a, b, or c.

1. There’s a lot to …
   a, eat b, drink c, see

2. But Country Mouse thinks the food is …
   a, nice b, warm c, strange

3. He doesn’t like it …
   a, today b, now c, very much

4. Country Mouse only eats …
   a, a lot b, a little bit c, everything

5. Town Mouse says, ‘Please have …’
   a, another b, some more c, anything

6. ‘No thank you,’ … Country Mouse.
   a, says b, thinks c, asks
7. Town Mouse gives Country Mouse his ...
   a, food b, clock c, bed

8. He says, ‘you can have my bed …’
   a, tonight b, today c, now

9. But Country Mouse can’t go to ...
   a, town b, school c, sleep

10. It isn’t … in the room.
    a, cold b, dark c, hot

11. The … is very noisy.
    a, street b, cart c, clock
Activities

Pages 14-15
Write the words and number the sentences 1-7.

a  At last the cat goes __________.
b  Town Mouse says, ‘Let’s go and get some __________.
c  In the morning Country Mouse is __________.
d  Town Mouse shouts, ‘It’s a __________!.
e  But there’s a __________ and they can’t go out.
f  Suddenly, Country Mouse some __________.
g  Now the two __________ are very hungry.
1. **Who is it?** It’s __________. 
   Is he tired? ______________. 
   What does he want to go and get? 
   Some ________________. 
   Are they mice very thirsty? 
   No, they ________________.

2. **What is it?** It’s __________. 
   It’s ________________. 
   Does Country Mouse want to eat it? ____________.

3. **What is it?** ____________. 
   What does Town Mouse shout? 
   ‘Stop! ___________ that!’
Activities

Pages 16-17
Put the words in the correct order. Who is speaking? Write **Town Mouse** or **Country Mouse**.

1. **the Do town like you?**
   ____________________________________________________________
   __________________________________

2. **strange very It’s here.**
   ____________________________________________________________
   __________________________________

3. **best think I the like I country.**
   ____________________________________________________________
   __________________________________

4. **good the is in Life town.**
   ____________________________________________________________
   __________________________________

5. **country better I like But the.**
   ____________________________________________________________
   __________________________________

6. **and quiet nice country in It’s the.**
   ____________________________________________________________
   __________________________________

7. **We things different like.**
   ____________________________________________________________
   __________________________________
What does Country Mouse say about the town and the country?
Write the words. Then choose.

The town

The country

1  g e a t s n r  s_________
2  q t e u l  q_________
3  n e g n l s t r e t l  i_________
4  i f r d e f e n t  d_________
5  e c i n  n_________

Reading
Activities

Pages 18-19
What do they say? Write the words.

1. Hurry ________________.

2. That ________________ to the country.

3. ________________ me.
Find and circle the words.  
Then complete the sentences.

1 The next day they see a ________.
2 It’s going to the ________.
3 ‘Hurry up, you children,’ says the ________.
4 ‘Goodbye, my ________,’ says Country Mouse.
5 Soon Country Mouse is ________.
6 He sits by the ________.
7 ‘It’s ________ to be home again,’ he says.
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