

The Lion and the Mouse



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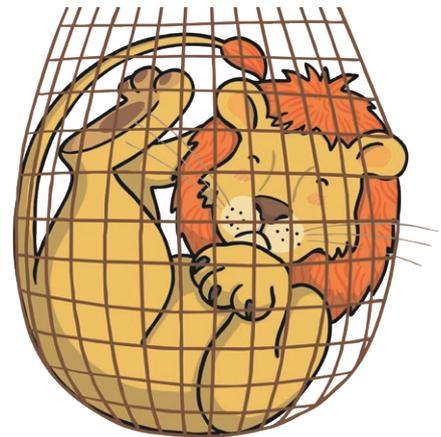
The lion laughed and let the mouse go home.

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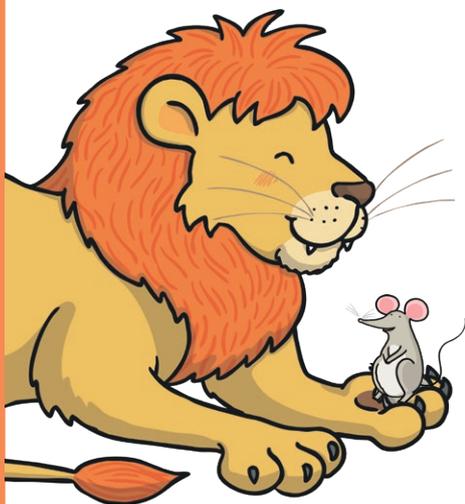
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"Even a mouse can help a lion!" said the mouse.

From that day, the mouse and the lion became friends.

A kindness is never wasted.



The Lion and the Mouse Questions

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- a mouse
- a badger
- a fox
- a lion

2. Why did the lion wake up? Tick one.

- The mouse ran across his nose.
- He was hungry.
- It was morning.

3. Why was the mouse scared? Tick one.

- She didn't like lions.
- She thought the lion would eat her.
- The lion surprised her.

4. How did the mouse help the lion? Tick one.

- She brought him some food.
- She sang a song to cheer him up.
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The lion woke up from his nap. He was cross with the mouse. "You woke me up!" he roared and laid his paw on the mouse, ready to gobble her up.

The mouse was scared. "Please let me go!" begged the mouse. "If you let me go, I will repay you one day!"

"You are funny!" said the lion. "How could a mouse help a lion?"

The lion laughed at the idea that a mouse could ever help him. But he was generous and let the mouse go.

Some days later, the lion was caught in a hunter's net. Unable to get out, the lion roared in anger. The mouse remembered the lion's voice and ran quickly to the net.

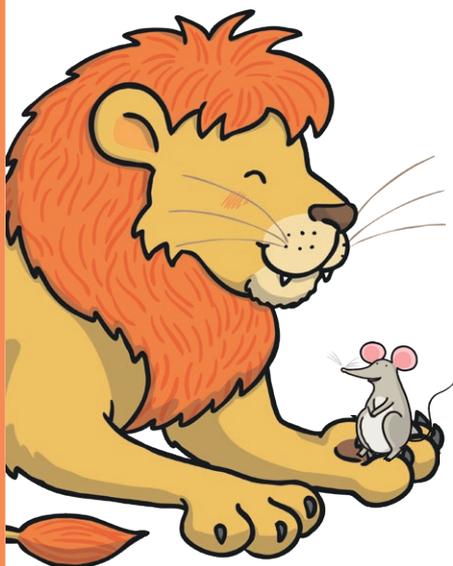


The mouse saw the lion struggling in the net and had an idea. She gnawed on the net until it broke and the lion was able to escape. The lion was free.

"Even a mouse can help a lion!" declared the tiny mouse.

From that day on, the mouse and the lion became friends forever.

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1. Why did the mouse run across the lion's nose? Tick one.

- She didn't see the lion.
- She wanted to surprise the lion.
- She thought it would be fun.

2. Why did the lion think the mouse was funny? Tick one.

- because she was dressed as a clown
- because she told him a joke
- because he thought a mouse could never help a lion

3. Why did the mouse run quickly to the net? Tick one.

- because she was in a hurry
- because she heard the lion's voice
- because she was nosy

4. Complete the sentences. One has already been done for you.

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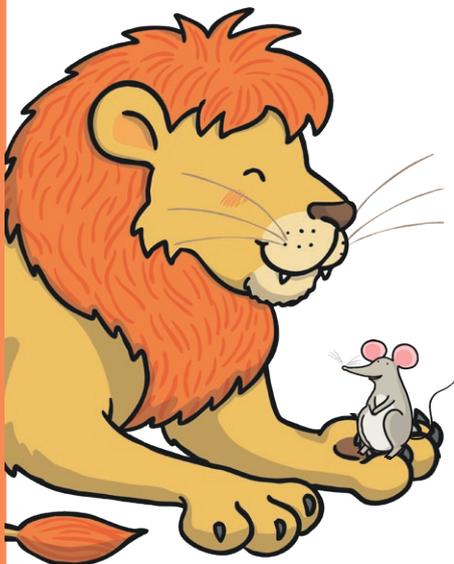
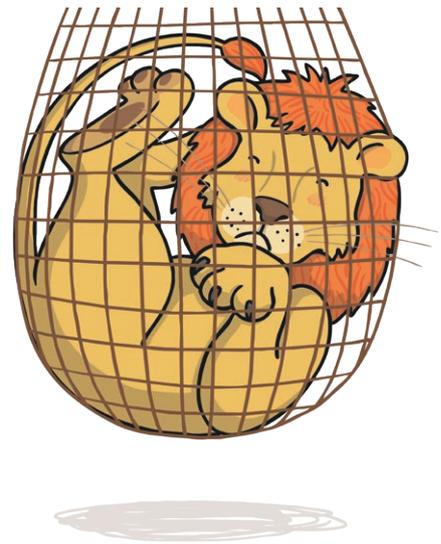


One day, a proud lion was asleep in the wood, his great head resting on his paws. A timid mouse came upon him unexpectedly, and in her fright and haste to get away, ran across the lion's nose.

Roused from his nap, the lion laid his huge paw angrily on the tiny creature, ready to gobble her up.

"Spare me!" begged the poor mouse. "Please let me go and someday I will surely repay you!" The lion was amused to think that a mouse could ever help. But he was generous and finally let the mouse go.

Some days later, whilst stalking his prey in the forest, the lion was caught in a hunter's net. Unable to free himself, he filled the forest with his angry roaring. The mouse knew the voice and quickly found the lion struggling in his net.



Running to one of the great ropes that bound him, she gnawed it until it parted and soon, the lion was free. "You laughed when I said I would repay you," said the mouse. "Now you see that even a mouse can help a lion."

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The Lion and the Mouse Questions

1. The first line of the story is:

'One day, a proud lion was asleep in the wood, his great head resting on his paws.'

Which words in this sentence are adjectives?

2. Why did the lion want to kill the mouse? Tick one.

- She had woken him from his nap.
- He didn't like mice.
- He wasn't a very nice lion.

3. Why did the mouse go to help the lion?

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Because she remembered his voice, and had promised to repay him.

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Expect various answers, such as: the mouse is braver by the end of the story because she goes to help the lion; the mouse is more confident at the end of story.

5. The moral of the story is 'A kindness is never wasted.' What else can we learn from the story?

Expect various answers, such as: don't judge people by their appearance; even if you are little you can do a lot; good things come in small packages; you can be friends with anyone even if they are different to you.