

TOWN MOUSE AND COUNTRY MOUSE





Once upon a time there were two mice .
Country mouse lived in a green meadow. He was a simple mouse with a striped necktie and happy, twitchy whiskers.



Town mouse lived in a fine city street.
He was very smart indeed. He dressed in a suit and carried a match walking stick.

One day Country Mouse invited the Town Mouse to come and stay in her little burrow. "What a funny house!" said Town Mouse, pointing at the simple furniture and soil walls.

Country Mouse had gathered vegetables for lunch. They were plain compared with city food.



“Come outside”, said Country Mouse. “See how beautiful it is here”.

Town Mouse nodded but he soon got tired climbing through thick meadow grass.

Suddenly they heard a loud ‘Moo!’.

Town Mouse grabbed Country Mouse in a panic.

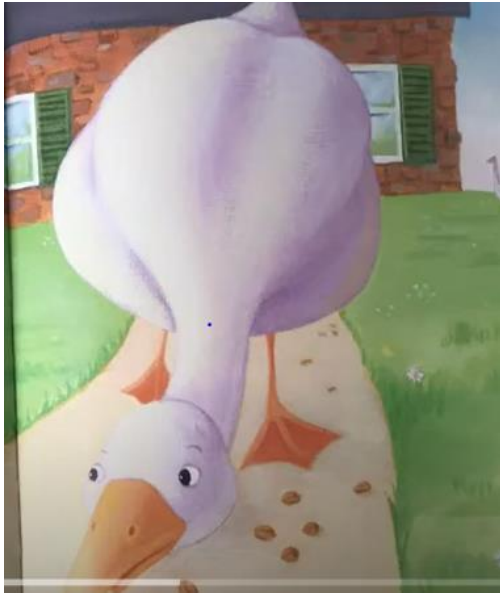


“What’s that!” said Town Mouse.

“It’s only a cow, “ smiled Country Mouse. A large brown cow leaned over the hedgerow eating some meadow grass. She looked enormous.

Town Mouse covered his eyes. He had never seen such a big scary creature!

“A cow won’t hurt you,” said Country Mouse. The two mice walked on towards the farmhouse.



On the way they heard a loud, 'Honk!'

"What's that? gasped the Town Mouse.

"It's only a goose," replied Country Mouse.

"Don't be afraid."

But The Town Mouse shook in fear at the sight of the great big bird..



Soon evening came and they began to walk back to Country Mouse's burrow.

As they crept through the fields they heard a loud 'Too-whit, too-whooh!'

"Run as fast as you can!," said the Country Mouse. "Its the owl!"

Town Mouse was up at first light.
“I don’t like the country, “ he told his friend.
“Come to town with me.”



Country Mouse had never left his home before. The town looked large and scary. But he trusted Town Mouse to take care of him.



Town Mouse lived behind the wall in a smart dining room.

“What a funny house!” said Country Mouse, looking all around.



Town Mouse found a fancy cupcake for their tea.

It was the sweetest thing that Country Mouse had ever eaten.

Town Mouse took Country Mouse out for a walk.
‘Parp! Parp!’

“What’s that? “ Said Country Mouse.
“It’s only a car.” said Town Mouse.

But Country Mouse grabbed his friend’s paw in fear.



Town Mouse led Country Mouse on through the noisy and busy streets. Poor Country Mouse was so scared.

Then they heard 'Nee-naw! Nee-naw!'.

"What's that!" said country mouse in fear.
"It's only a fire engine." said Town Mouse.

But Country Mouse covered his eyes until it had passed.



"Let's head for home" said town Mouse.



As they turned to go back, they heard a loud 'Miaow!'.

"Quick! run!" said Town Mouse "It's the cat!".

The Mice ran as fast as they could go, until they were safe inside Town Mouse's home.

Town Mouse tried to cheer up Country Mouse with tasty bits of food

But Country Mouse was too scared to eat.

The next morning, Country Mouse ran all the way back to his own country burrow.

“You can keep your fine food and smart clothes,” he told Town Mouse.

“A peaceful life in the country suits me!”



Questions:

1. What did the town mouse think about the country mouse's food?

- a) it was delicious
- B) it was plain compare with city food.
- C) It was spicy

2. What was the town mouse scared of?

3. What did the country mouse think of the cupcake?

- a) He didn't like it.
- b) It was the sweetest thing he had ever eaten.
- c) It was delicious.

4. What was the country mouse scared of?

5. Why did the country mouse go back to the country?
