

Questions on texts read

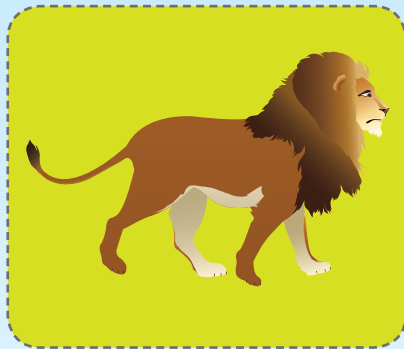
1 The Lion and the Mouse

One day a lion was woken from his afternoon snooze by a curious little mouse that had crawled over his paw. He caught the little mouse and roared, "How dare you wake me! I shall eat you!"

The mouse begged for mercy saying, "Please don't eat me. If you spare my life maybe one day I shall repay your kindness and save yours." "You? Save me?" laughed the lion, and he let the tiny creature go.



A few days later, the lion became trapped in a hunter's net. His roars made the whole forest tremble. The little mouse, whose life the lion had spared, happened to be passing by and saw the lion caught in the net.



"I told you I'd help you one day", said the mouse as he used his sharp little teeth to chew through the strong ropes and free the lion.

"Thank you, little mouse. I should not have judged you by your size", said the grateful lion.

a Who are the two characters in the story?

b Did the mouse deserve to be eaten for waking the lion?
Why do you say so?



c How were the lion's thoughts about size different from the mouse's thoughts about size?

d What would have happened if the lion had eaten the mouse?

e What would have happened if the mouse had ignored the lion in the hunter's trap?

f What lesson do you think this story teaches us?