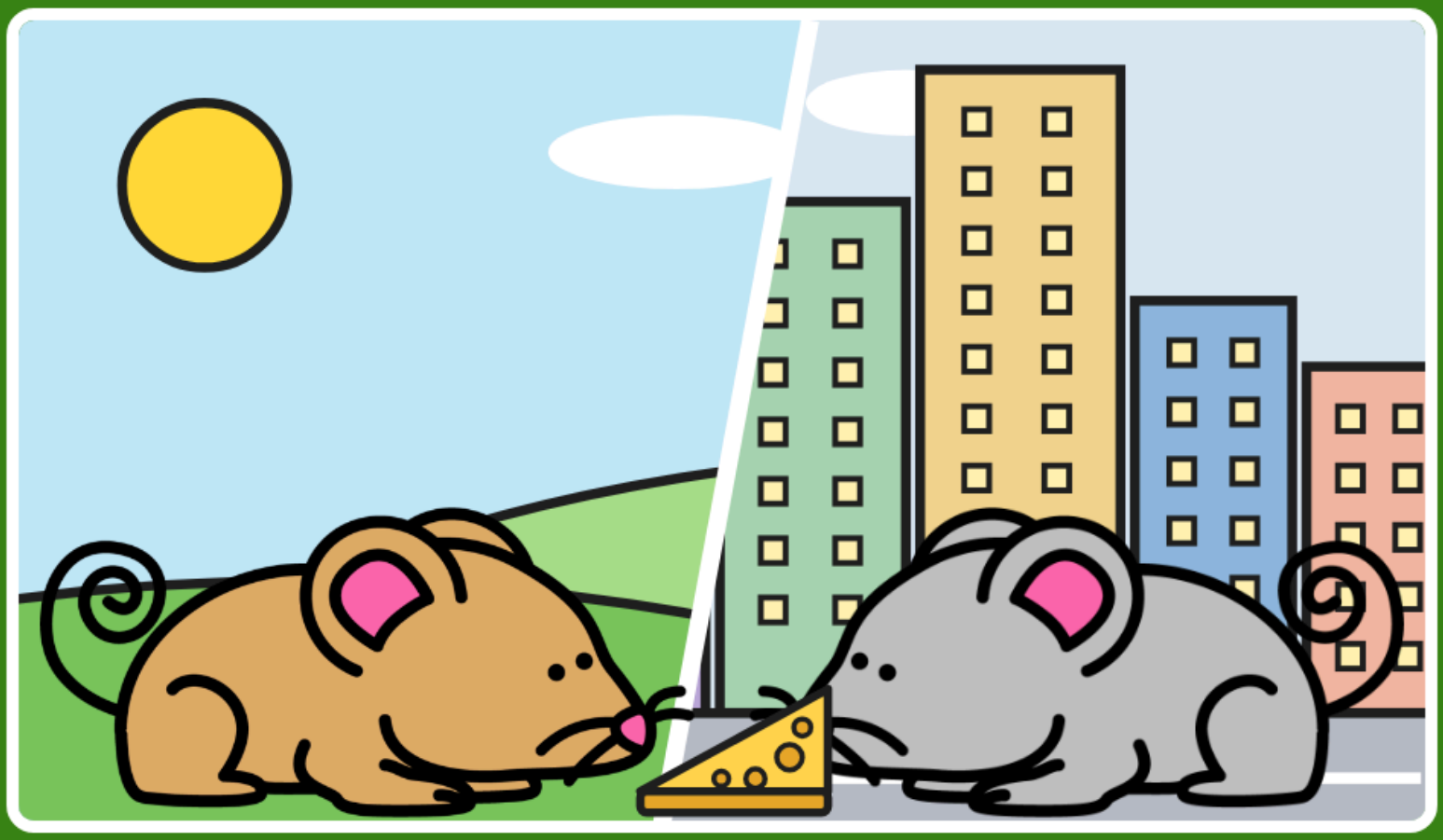
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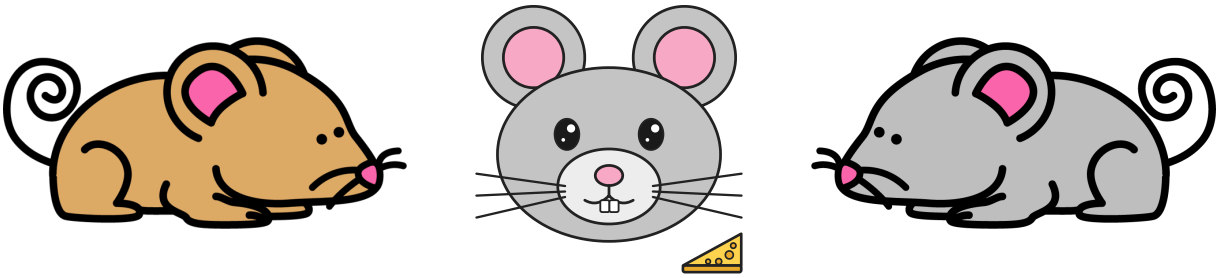
Fable Retell & Compare



RETELL + CRAFT · 23 PAGES

Bright Path Sped

City Mouse Country Mouse: Start Here



What's inside

- **The story in pictures** (page 5): the old fable retold in our own short words, with a picture for each part. Read it aloud first.
- **Meet the mice** (page 3) and a **word bank** with trace-and-write lines for 6 words (page 4)
- **Story map** (page 6): characters, setting, problem and solution. **Story order** (page 7): 5 cards to cut, 4 to glue in order and 1 that does not belong
- **Sorting**: city or country, 10 pieces (page 8); wants and needs, 8 pieces (page 9)
- **Compare and contrast** with a Venn diagram on three levels (pages 10-12) and a **retell** on three levels (pages 13-15)
- **My favorite part** (page 16) and a **mouse-face craft**: how to make it (page 17), 9 pieces to color and cut (page 18), the same 9 pieces ready-colored (page 19) and the glue page (page 20)
- A class data page with every answer (page 21), a family letter (page 22) and credits (page 23)

About the story

City Mouse and Country Mouse is an old fable that anyone may retell. The story on page 5 is our own short version: Country Mouse eats simple seeds in a quiet field, visits the busy city, meets a big cat and goes home. You can read your own copy of the fable instead and use these pages with it; the pictures and words here do not depend on any one book.

How to use it

Read the story aloud, then work from the story pages to the sorts, the Venn diagram and the retell. Every sort gives one right answer per piece (the answers are on page 21). The craft is one big round mouse face with two ears, whiskers and a wedge of cheese, cut into 9 equal squares in three columns and three rows. Color the black-and-white pieces (or use the ready-colored page), cut along the straight lines and glue each piece on its faint twin. The glue boxes are exactly the size of the pieces. Glue works best on card stock.

Three levels (shapes by the name line)

- **Circle**: cut and glue picture cards into the Venn diagram (page 10) and trace and draw the retell (page 13). **Square**: write words in the Venn diagram with a word bank (page 11) and finish the retell sentences (page 14). **Triangle**: write your own ideas in the Venn diagram and tell how the mice are the same and different (page 12), and retell the whole story in your own words (page 15).
- Easier: a partner who holds the glue stick, or a read-aloud of the story page twice. Harder: add one more sentence on any triangle page.

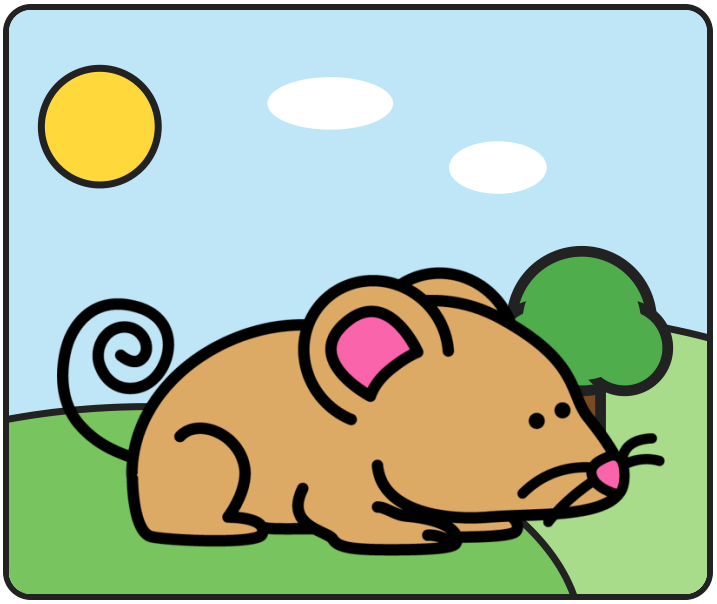
A five-day plan

- **Day 1**: read the story (page 5), meet the mice and trace the word bank (pages 3-4). **Day 2**: story map and story order (pages 6-7).
- **Day 3**: sort city or country and wants and needs (pages 8-9). **Day 4**: compare and contrast for each child's level (pages 10-12).
- **Day 5**: retell for each child's level (pages 13-15) and a favorite part. Make the mouse face any day (pages 17-20). You need crayons, scissors, glue sticks and card stock.

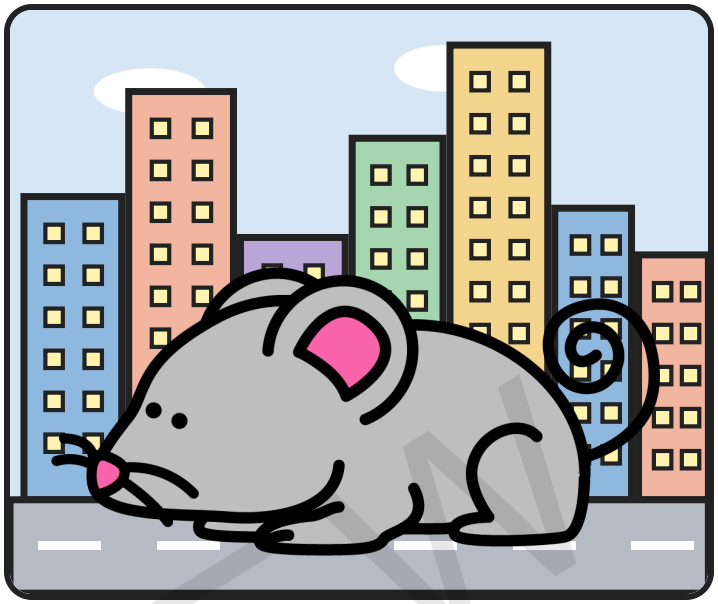
PREVIEW

My name _____

Meet the two mice. Point to City Mouse.

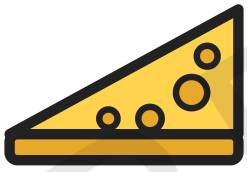


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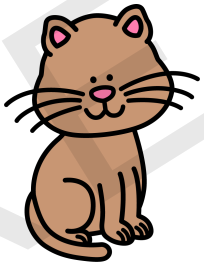


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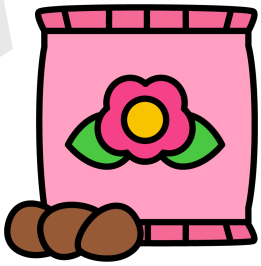
I see these in the story.



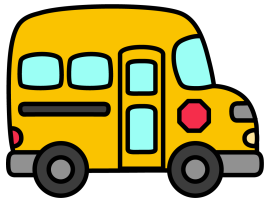
cheese



cat



seeds



bus

mouse

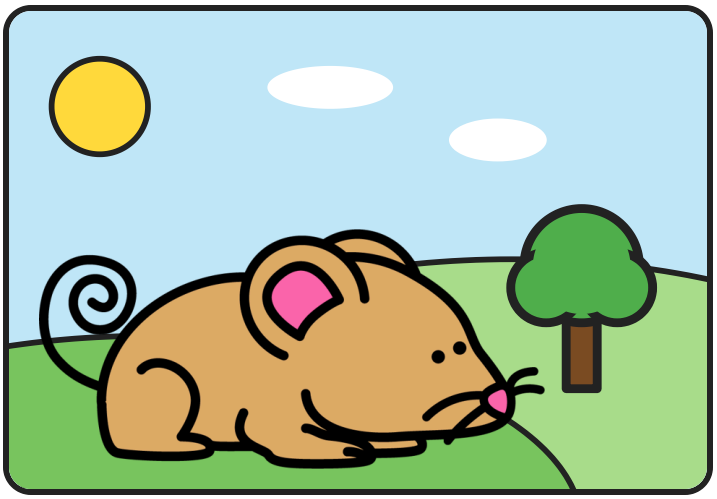
mice

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Listen to the story. Look at the pictures.

1



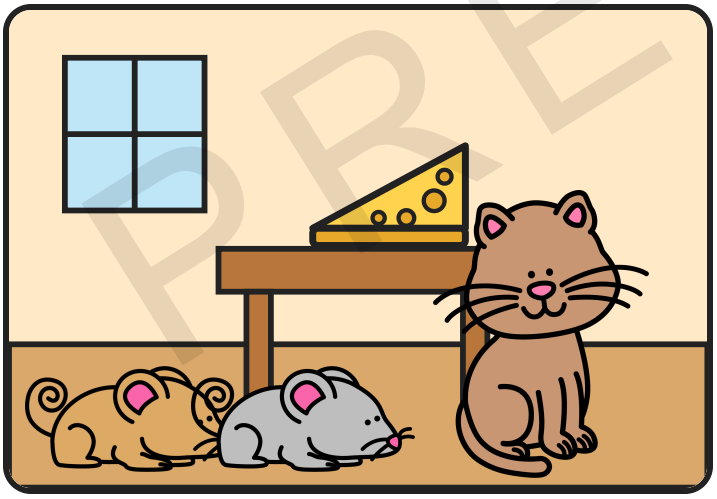
Country Mouse lives in a quiet field. Seeds and grass make a good meal.

2



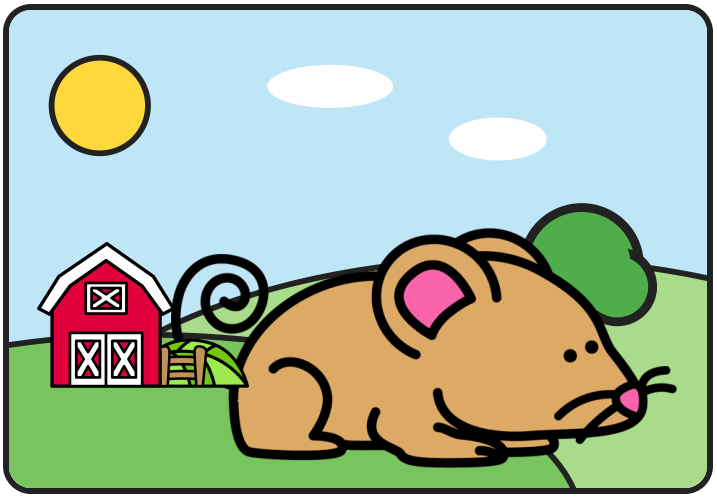
Country Mouse visits the city. A big table has cake and cheese.

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Oh no! A big cat jumps out. The mice run and hide.

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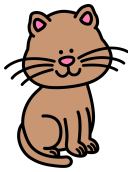
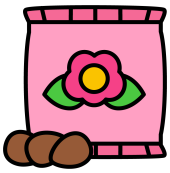
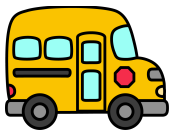
Country Mouse goes home. "My quiet field is best for me," says Country Mouse.

An old fable, retold in our own words.

PREVIEW

My name _____

Cut the cards. Glue 4 in order. 1 does not belong.

 run from the cat	 play with a doll	 eat seeds	 go home	 visit the city

First	Next	Then	Last

Tell the story. Write about it.

PREVIEW

My name _____

Cut the pictures. Glue each one: need or want.



need

to live and be safe



want

nice to have



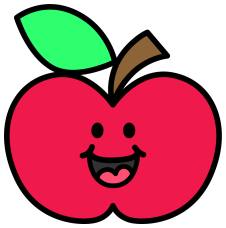
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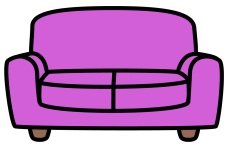
water



toys



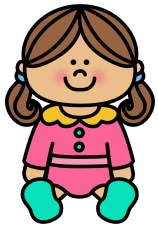
apple



sofa



home



doll



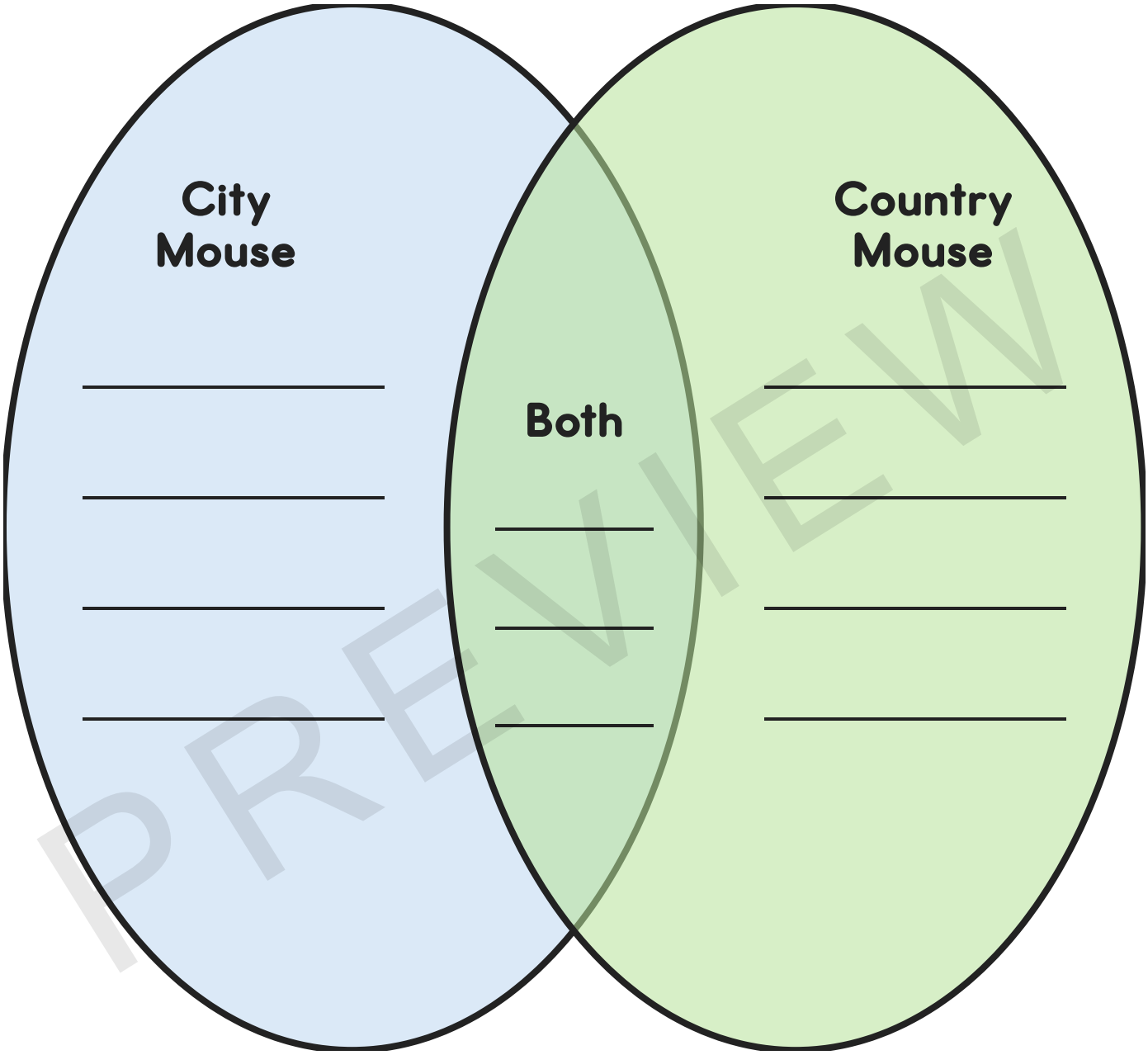
coat

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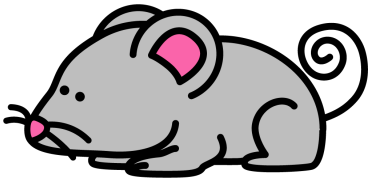
My name _____

How are the mice the same and different?

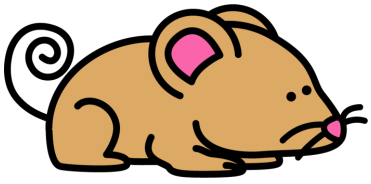
tall buildings barn quiet busy has a home is a mouse cow taxi



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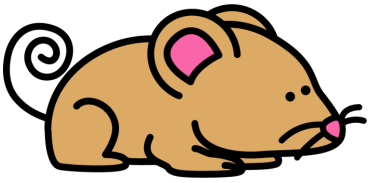


Write words from the bank in the circles. You can add your own words.

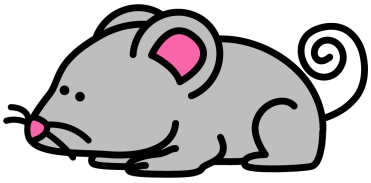


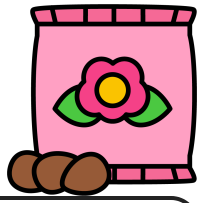
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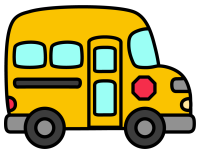
Draw what happens. Trace the words.



I retell the story.

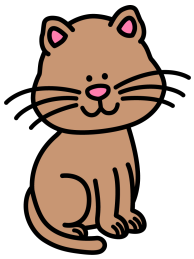


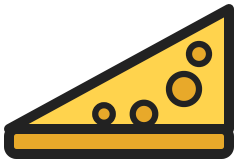
First 

Next 

Last 

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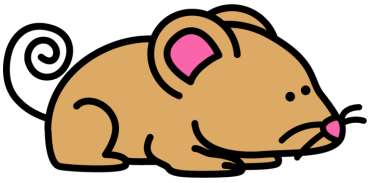




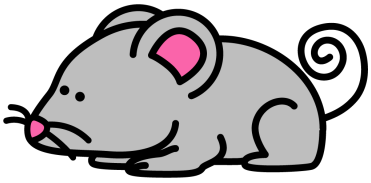


My name _____

Retell the whole story in your own words.



City Mouse and Country Mouse



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Next, ...

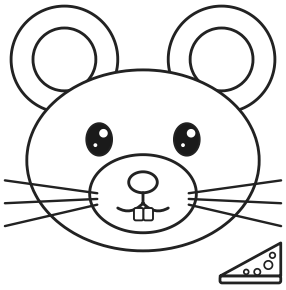
Then, ...

Last, ...

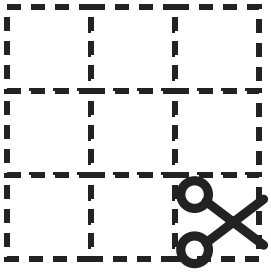
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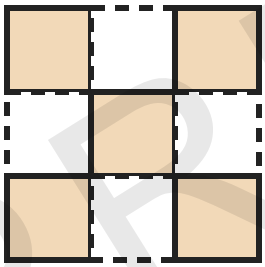
Make a mouse face.

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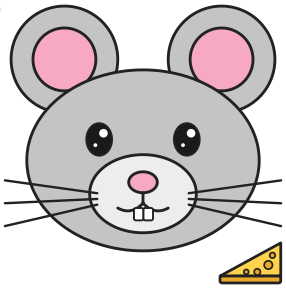
Color the pieces.

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Snip the squares apart.

3 

Glue each piece on its twin.

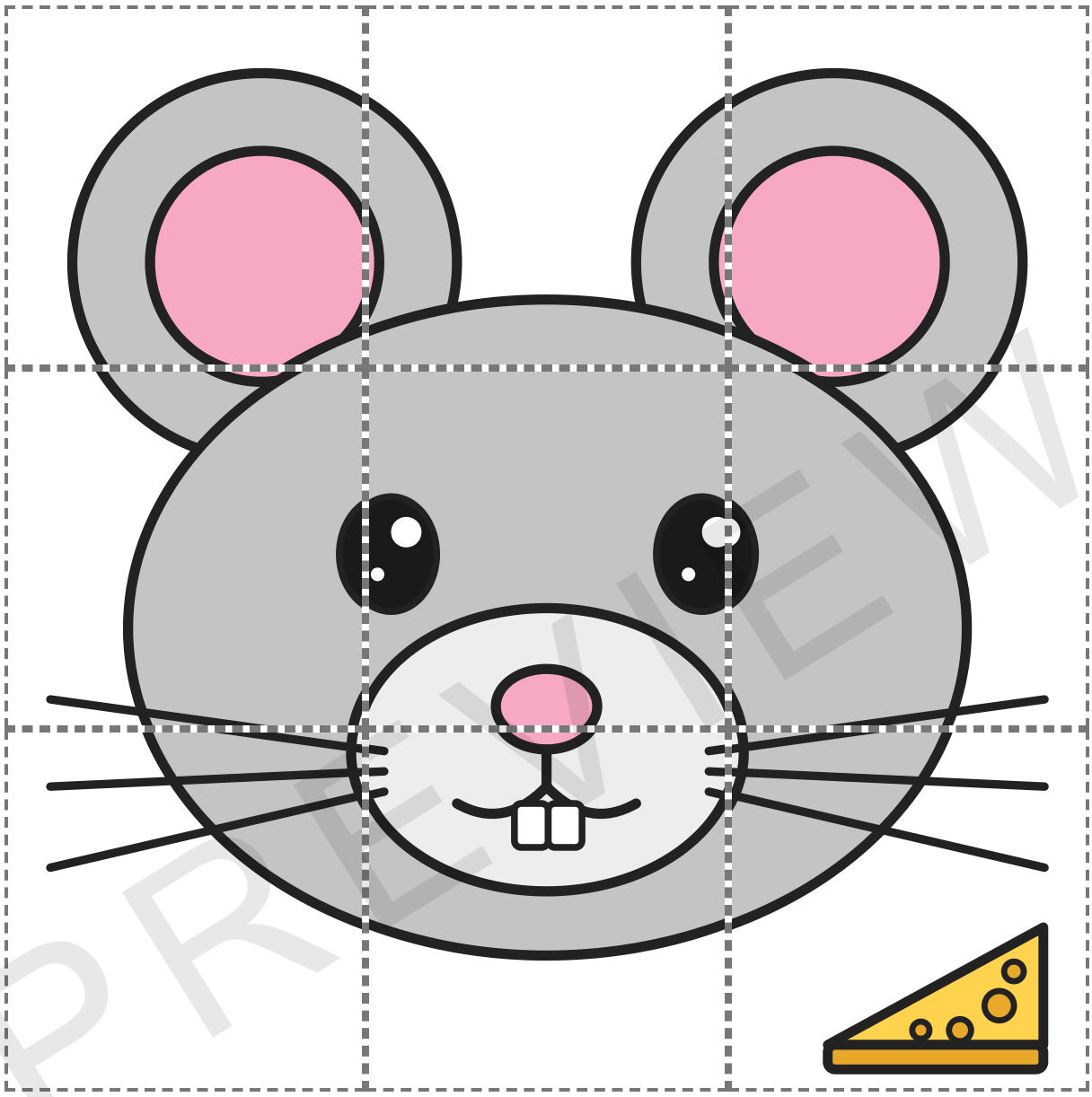
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Your mouse is done!

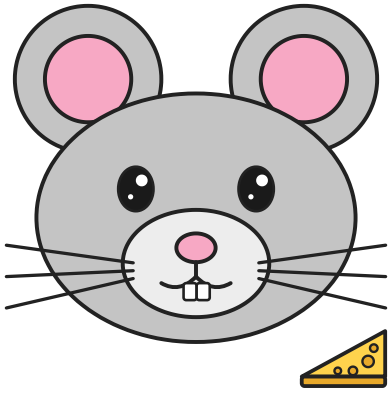
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My name _____

Cut out the pieces.



PREVIEW



My mouse.

Glue on page 20.

Who Did What, with Answers

One row per child. Mark each activity done and write a word on how it went.

Class: _____ Week of: _____ Teacher: _____

Student	Map	Order	Sort	Need/want	Venn	Retell	Craft

PREVIEW

Story order: eat seeds, visit the city, run from the cat, go home. The card that does not belong: play with a doll.

City: bus, tall buildings, taxi, traffic light, fire truck. **Country:** barn, cow, tractor, hay, fence.

Need: water, apple, home, coat. **Want:** cake, toys, sofa, doll.

Venn, circle level: City Mouse only: taxi, tall buildings. Country Mouse only: barn, cow. Both: is a mouse, has a home.

On the story map, the Venn diagram (square and triangle levels) and the retell pages, note the level the child used (circle, square or triangle). Many answers are right there; look for ideas that match the story.

Next week we will: _____