

# The Lion and the Mouse

Once upon a time a lion lay sleeping under a tree. Then a cheeky little mouse hopped over his tail, onto his back and into his mane where he danced and jumped up and down...



## 1. Who lay sleeping under a tree?

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A mouse.

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A rat.

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A wolf.

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A lion.

## 2. What kind of mouse jumped onto the lion?

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...so, the lion woke up! He grabbed the mouse and, holding him with his large claws, he roared, "How dare you wake me up? Don't you know that I am King of the Beasts? Anyone who wakes me deserves to die. I shall kill you and eat you!"

## 3. Why did the lion wake up?

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He did not feel sleepy.

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He was disturbed by the mouse.

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He felt hungry.

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There was a loud bang.

#### 4. What did the lion use to hold down the mouse?

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The terrified mouse, shaking and trembling, begged the lion to let him go.

“Please don’t eat me your Majesty! I did not mean to wake you. Please let me go and I promise I will be your friend forever. Who knows, one day I could save your life!”

#### 5. How did the mouse feel when the lion caught him?

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Happy

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Silly

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Terrified

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Angry

#### 6. Which words show that the mouse was terrified?

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The lion looked at the mouse and roared with laughter.

“You, save my life? What an absurd idea!”

he said, scornfully.

“But you have made me laugh and put me in a good mood again, so I shall let you go.”

So the lion opened his claws and let the mouse go.

#### 7. Why did the lion roar with laughter?

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A few days later, the lion was wandering through the trees, when suddenly, he was caught in a hunter's snare. Struggle as he might, he could not break free.

**8. The lion was caught ...**

in a hunter's snare.

in a tree.

in a cave.

in a net.

**9. Could the lion break free?**

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The lion let out a roar of anger so loud that it shook the whole forest. Every animal heard it, including the mouse.

"My friend is in trouble!" he cried.

Immediately, he ran in the direction of the lion's roar.

**8. What did the mouse cry?**

My friend is angry.

My friend is happy.

My friend is hungry.

My friend is in trouble.

**9. How did the mouse know that the lion was in trouble?**

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Soon, he found the lion trapped in the hunter's snare.  
"Hold still your Majesty!" he squealed.  
"I'll have you out in a jiffy!"  
and without further delay, he began nibbling through  
the ropes with his sharp little teeth.  
Very soon the lion was free.

**10. What did the mouse tell the lion to do?**

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Hold still.

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Wriggle around

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Keep calm.

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Lay down.

**11. How did the mouse free the lion?**

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"I did not believe that you could ever be of use to me  
little creature, but today you saved my life."

said the lion humbly.

"It was my turn to help you, Sire" answered the mouse.

"Even the weak and the small may be of help to those  
much mightier than themselves."

**12. What lesson can you learn from this story?**

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Draw your favourite part of the story.