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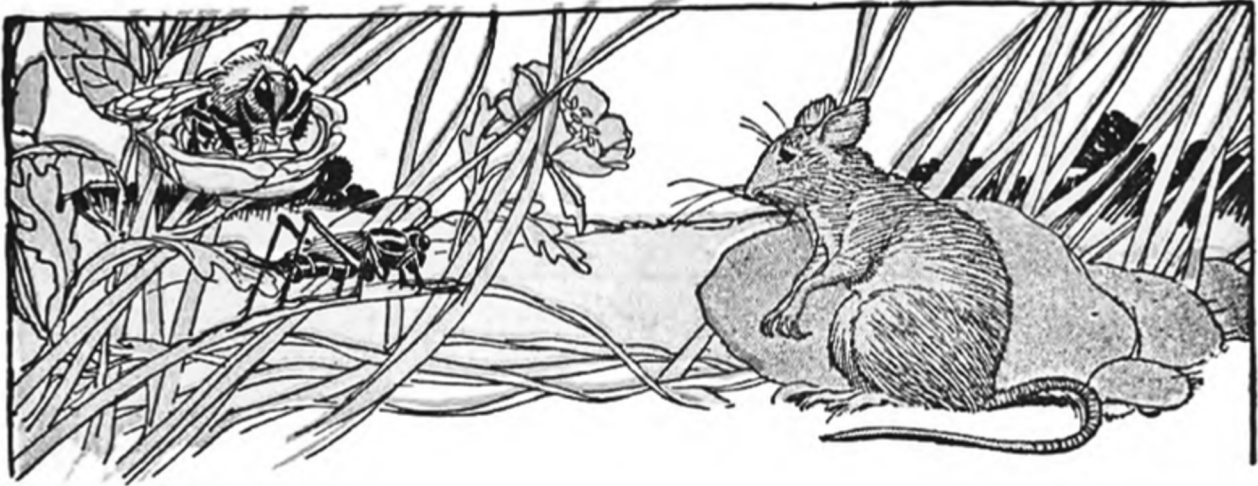


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start



Read this silently and then out loud.



THE MOUSE, THE CRICKET, AND THE BEE

Once there was a little mouse.

One spring day she sat in the sun.

A cricket and a bee came along.

“Winter is over,” said the little mouse.

“Let us make a house.

We are so little.

We can all live in one little house.

We can be so happy there.”

“That is a good plan,” said the cricket.

“I like that plan too,” said the bee.

Read.



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Read this silently and then out loud.



“Where shall we make a house?” said the bee.

“Let us find a very dark place,” said the cricket.

“I like the dark.

It is dark under the barn.

The sun cannot find us there.

I like to chirp in the dark.

I do not like the light.”

“Oh, dear! Oh, dear!” said the mouse.

“I do not like to live in the dark.

I am not happy in the dark.

The warm sun is the place for me.

Let us try to find a light place.”

Read.



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Read this silently and then out loud.



“Let us try my place,” said the mouse.

“I know a good place for a house.

It is on the ground.

It is in the sunshine too.

I like to live in a corn field.

We can eat the corn.

We can run and play in the sunshine.

That will be such fun.

I can make a warm home for us.

There we can be very happy.”

“Oh, dear! Oh, dear!” said the bee.

“I cannot eat corn.

That place would not do for me.

We cannot live together.”

Read.



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Read this silently and then out loud.

So, the bee flew to the tall tree.

“Buzz, buzz,” he sang in the sunshine.

“See how high I am.

My home is best.”

The cricket ran under the barn.

“Chirp, chirp,” he sang in the dark.

“I have a good hiding place.

My home is best.”

The mouse ran into the field.

She made a soft, warm nest.

“Squeak, squeak,” she said in the corn.

“My home is best.”

She went to sleep in the sunshine.



Discuss.



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Teacher instructions: Discuss the illustration and the passage with your learner.



What do you see in the illustration?

Who wanted to live together?

Where did each animal want to live?

What did they decide at the end?

Write.



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Copy the passage.

Let us make a house. We are so little.

We can all live in one little house.

We can be so happy there.

Handwriting practice lines consisting of solid top and bottom lines with a dashed middle line, repeated five times.

Write.



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end



Use the illustration as inspiration to write a sentence.