

*Teacher instructions: Read this passage aloud to your learner.*

## THE MOUSE, THE CRICKET, AND THE BEE

*A mouse, a cricket, a bumblebee  
Started out in the sweet spring weather.  
"Let's all agree," Said the bumblebee,  
"To build us a house and live together."  
"I'm willing to try,"  
Said the cricket spry;  
Said dear little mouse, "So am I."  
  
"Under the porch, away down low,"  
The cricket chirruped in rare delight,  
"Is the place, I know, For us to go;  
There's not the tiniest ray of light!  
We'll hide away  
From the dazzling day,  
And chirrup and buzz and squeak all night."  
Said the mouse,  
"O dear, I fear, I fear  
Such a place would be so dark and drear!"  
  
"Away, away up in the elm tree high,"  
Said the bumblebee, "is a cozy nook,  
In the early light  
Of the morning bright,  
A royal place. Let us go and look."  
Said the cricket,  
"Why, As I cannot fly,  
I never could think of going so high."*

*Said the Mistress Mouse,  
"The finest spot Is out in the field of  
growing wheat;  
We'll build a cot  
Of a nest—why not?  
Convenient, cozy, and snug and sweet."  
Said the bumblebee,  
"Dear me, dear me!  
Such a house would never do for three."  
  
Well, Mistress Mouse  
Built a wee, wee house,  
And cuddled under the sun-warmed hay.  
The bumblebee  
From his hole in the tree  
Buzzed and hummed through the sunny day,  
While the cricket stole  
To the darkest hole  
And chirruped till morning's earliest ray.  
And though they could never live together,  
All rejoiced in the sweet spring weather.*

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## Discuss.



## Lesson 55



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



*What do you see in the illustration?*

*What do you remember from the poem you just listened to? Tell me the poem using your own words.*

*Read.*



Lesson 55



*Read this silently and then out loud.*

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*Write.* 

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*Copy the passage.*

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“Is the place, I know, for us to go.”

Handwriting practice lines consisting of solid top and bottom lines with a dashed midline.

