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Reading Comprehension: Story Elements

Directions: Read the passage carefully then answer the questions.

The Lion and The Mouse

Early one morning, while a lion was asleep in the forest, a little mouse came out to play. The little mouse ran up the lion's neck and slid down his back. The lion caught him with a great big smack!

'I'm going to eat you!' the lion roared, his mouth opened wide.

'No, no, please don't!' the little mouse cried. 'Be kind to me and one day I'll help you.'

'I'm a lion! You're a mouse! What can you do?' The lion laughed, very hard, and the mouse ran away.

But the mouse was out walking the very next day. He heard a big roar and squeaked when he saw the lion tied to a tree. But the mouse had a plan to set him free. The mouse worked quickly and chewed through the rope.

The lion said, 'Oh little mouse, I had no hope. You were right, little mouse – thank you, I'm free. You're the best friend there ever could be!'

1. Who are the characters in the story? (2 pts.)

2. What is the setting of the story? Be sure to say when and where. (2 pts)

3. What happened to the Lion in the story? (1 pt.)

4. How was the Lion's problem solved? (1 pt.)

5. Put the events in order using **beginning**, **middle**, and **end**. (3 pts)

The mouse saves the Lion 	The Lion caught the mouse 	The lion got caught 
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6. What lesson can we learn from this story? (1 pt)
