

The Lion and the Mouse

Once when a Lion was asleep, a little Mouse began running up and down upon him; this soon wakened the Lion, who placed his huge paw upon him, and opened his big jaws to swallow him. "Pardon, o King." cried the little Mouse: "Forgive me this time. I shall never forget it: Who knows, I may be able to do you a favor in return one of these days?"

The Lion was so tickled at the idea of the Mouse being able to help him, that he lifted up his paw and let him go. Some time after, the Lion was caught in a trap. The hunters who desired to carry him alive to the King tied him to a tree when they went in search of a wagon to carry him on. Just then, the little Mouse happened to pass by, and seeing the dangerous situation in which the Lion was, went up to him and soon gnawed away the ropes that bound the King of the Beasts. "Was I not right?" said the little Mouse.

Use the passage to complete the summary.

1. Somebody: (Who was the main character?)

2. Wanted: (What did the character want to happen?)

3. But: (What was the problem?)

4. So: (How did the character try to solve the problem?)

5. Then: (What was the solution?/How did the story end?)

6. Summarize the story in your own words. You should have 5 sentences. (Use the information from questions 1-5 to help you)
