

A Bell for the Cat

(adopted by Aesop's fable)

The following story is about three mice in a house with an old lady. Unfortunately, the lady's neighbor asking to take care of her hungry cat. What are they going to do?

Which of the following words do you think will appear in the story? Tick the words what will appear and a cross against those that you think won't appear.

☐ bell	☐ smart	☐ amazing	☐ stealing
☐ neighbor	☐ cunning	☐ scared	☐ solve the problem
☐ chance	☐ escape	☐ surprised	☐ urgent meeting

Once upon a time there lived three friendly mice. They were the happiest mice in the world because they lived together in a peaceful house with an old lady who enjoyed in good food.





The first mouse was called Snowflake. She was really small, pretty and as white as snow. She was the youngest of all three mice. Her favourite season was winter. She liked hiding in the snow. Snowflakes were her best fun and her popular dessert too.

The second one was named Rose. She was bigger and a bit older than Snowflake. She liked being beautiful and wore amazing dresses that she carefully sewn herself. She was as pretty as a picture. All mice always said: »She is the cutest mouse.«







The third one was a male, Peanuts. It was a funny name because he was really huge. He was the oldest, the biggest and the fattest too. He liked eating and was always stealing delicious peanuts. He was lazier than other two and he thought he was the smartest.

One day, the old lady's neighbour went on a short holiday and she asked the lady to take care of her cat. When the mice heard the conversation, they got scared. All the mice in neighbourhood knew about that terrible cat. It was catching and eating all of the mice. It was as fast as wind and as cunning as a fox. "What can we do? What can we do?" asked the three mice. Peanuts called an urgent meeting. "We need to find a way to solve this problem." said the biggest mouse. "How can we keep that hungry cat from catching any of us?" asked the younger mouse.



The mice talked and talked and talked. No one could think of a good way to solve this problem. At least, the youngest mouse stood up. "I know what to do. The cat can sneak up on us because it is so quiet. We should put a bell around the cat's neck. Then we could hear when it is coming and run for cover." said the wise Snowflake. "Hoorah!" shouted other two mice. "We're saved! We're saved! We'll put a bell on the cat!"

As the younger two mice shouted with joy, the oldest mouse said with a loud voice. "I think a bell on the cat is the best plan. It would give us a chance to escape that hungry cat. But, tell me, just who will put it there?"

The room became very quiet. Each mouse slowly left the room. No one wanted to bell the cat.

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A. Change the underlined parts of the sentences with these words:



escape | a terrible | sneak | bell the cat | had a meeting

1. The mice **got together** to talk.
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2. The mice wanted to **get away** from the cat.
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3. The mice planned to **put a bell around cat's neck.**
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4. It was an **awful** problem.
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5. The cat would **creep up** on the mice.
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B. Put the sentences into the correct order.

No.	Sentences
	a. The mice got scared.
	b. The mice had a meeting.
	c. The two mice shouted happily.
	d. No one wanted to bell the cat.
	e. The room became very quiet.
	f. She asked the lady to take care of her cat.
	g. The mice think they should put a bell around the cat's neck.
	h. One day, the old lady's neighbour went on a short holiday
	i. "Who will put the bell on the cat's neck" said the oldest mouse.
1	j. There lived three friendly mice in a peaceful house with an old lady.






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