The Lion and the Mouse

Names: _____ _____ **Date:** _____

Read the fable and fill in the blanks with words from the box.



free	hope	day	
smackplay	cried	be	do

A lion was asleep in the sun one day.
A little mouse came out to _____.

The little mouse ran up the lion's neck and slid down his back.
The lion caught him with a great big _____!

"I'm going to eat you!" the lion roared, his mouth open wide.
"No, no, please don't!" the little mouse _____.

"Be kind to me, and one day I'll help you."
"I'm a lion! You're a mouse! What can you _____?"

The lion laughed, very hard, and the mouse ran away.
But the mouse was out walking the very next _____.

He heard a big roarand squeaked when he sawthe king of the jungle tied to a tree.
But the mouse had a plan to set him _____.

The mouse worked quickly, and chewed through the rope.
The lion said, "Oh little mouse, I had no _____."

"You were right, little mouse – thank you, I'm free.
You're the best friend there ever could _____!"

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