

The Lion and the Mouse

Once in a jungle far far away, there lived a lion. All the creatures fear him very much. The lion was brave and he loved the respect he received from all the creatures in the forest. He spent his days hunting and sleeping. No creature came into his cave, especially when he was sleeping.

But one day it a little mouse got curious to see how the lion's cave looked like. So he decided to go there and explore the cave. When he got near, he could not see the lion.

"He has gone somewhere. Is he going to come back soon? Nah...I don't think so." thought the mouse. It ran into the cave. It was dark and big. The mouse felt afraid when he saw the large footprints of the lion on the ground. Just then he heard the sound of the footsteps of the lion.

The mouse hid himself in the dark inside of the cave and saw the huge shadow. The lion sat near the entrance of the cave and rested his head on his huge paws. Soon he was fast asleep.

The mouse tried to go, but he tripped and as his little nails scratched the paw of the beast and the lion woke up. The frightened mouse began to run but the lion put his big paw on its tail and opened his big mouth to eat the mouse when he said, "Sorry, please forgive me. I didn't mean to wake you up, I was only trying to leave this cave. Let me go this time, if destiny gives me a chance I will help you in whichever way I can on one of your bad days."

How can the little mouse help me? thought the lion, but he let him go and the mouse ran for his life.

A few days later, the lion was suddenly caught in a hunter's snare. He struggled furiously to break free but he couldn't. He roared out of anger and helplessness. The mouse heard it.

"The lion is in trouble. It is my chance to help him", thought the mouse

The mouse ran as fast as he could to the place where the sounds were coming from. Soon he found the lion trapped in the hunter's snare.

"Don't move, I'll cut your ropes and you will soon be free" said the mouse. The little mouse began gnawing the ropes with his sharp little teeth. Very soon the lion was free.

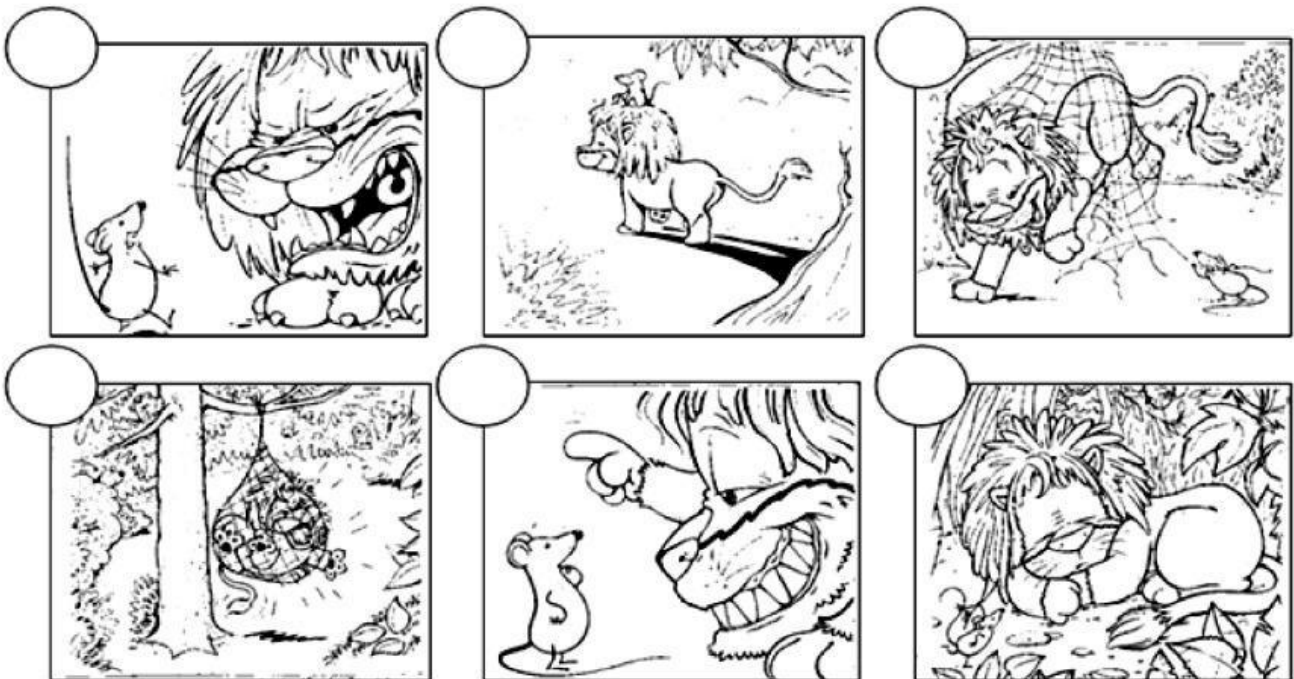
"I did not believe that you could help me, but I was wrong," said the lion . And the two creatures became the best of friends from that day.

No matter how weak and small a creature is, he may be of help if time comes.

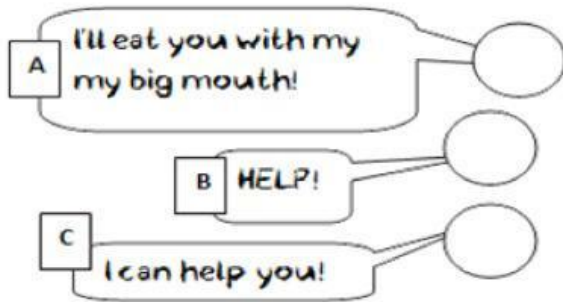
I. Complete the chart.

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Setting:	
Main Problem:	
Solution:	

II. Order the pictures.



III. Who says what? Write L for lion or M for mouse in the speech bubbles.



IV. Write *True* or *False*.

18. All the animals in the jungle were afraid of the mouse.

19. The Lion's cave was very small

20. The Lion ate the mouse.

WELL DONE!



Total points 20