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Before you read, can you match the words with the pictures?

1 Town Mouse

2 Country Mouse

3 bed

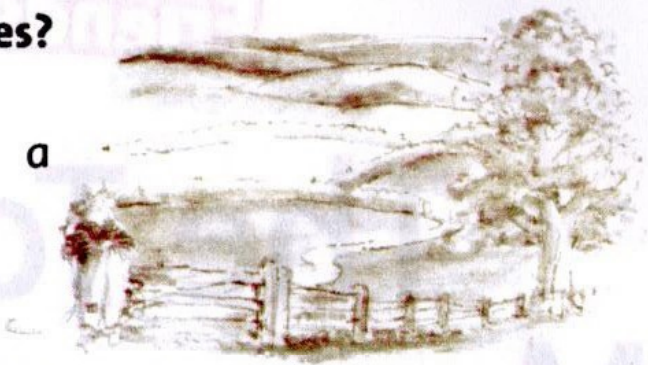
4 cow

5 home

6 cart

7 food

a



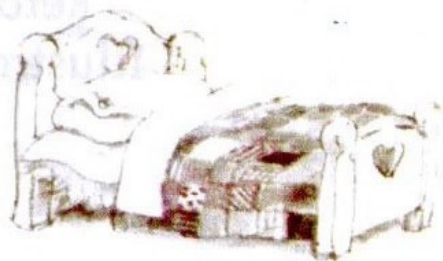
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c



d



e



f



g





T HIS is Country Mouse's home. One day his friend, Town Mouse, comes to see him. 'Hello, Country Mouse!' says Town Mouse. 'Hello, my friend!' says Country Mouse.

country

mouse

town





There's a lot to eat. But Town Mouse
thinks the food is strange.

He doesn't like it very much.

So he only eats a little bit.

'Please have some more,' says

Country Mouse.

'It's very nice,' says Town Mouse,

'but no thank you.'



Country Mouse gives Town Mouse his bed.
'You can have my bed tonight,' he says.
'Thank you,' says Town Mouse.



But Country Mouse's bed is strange.
Town Mouse doesn't like it very much.
He can't go to sleep.
It's very dark and quiet.

bed

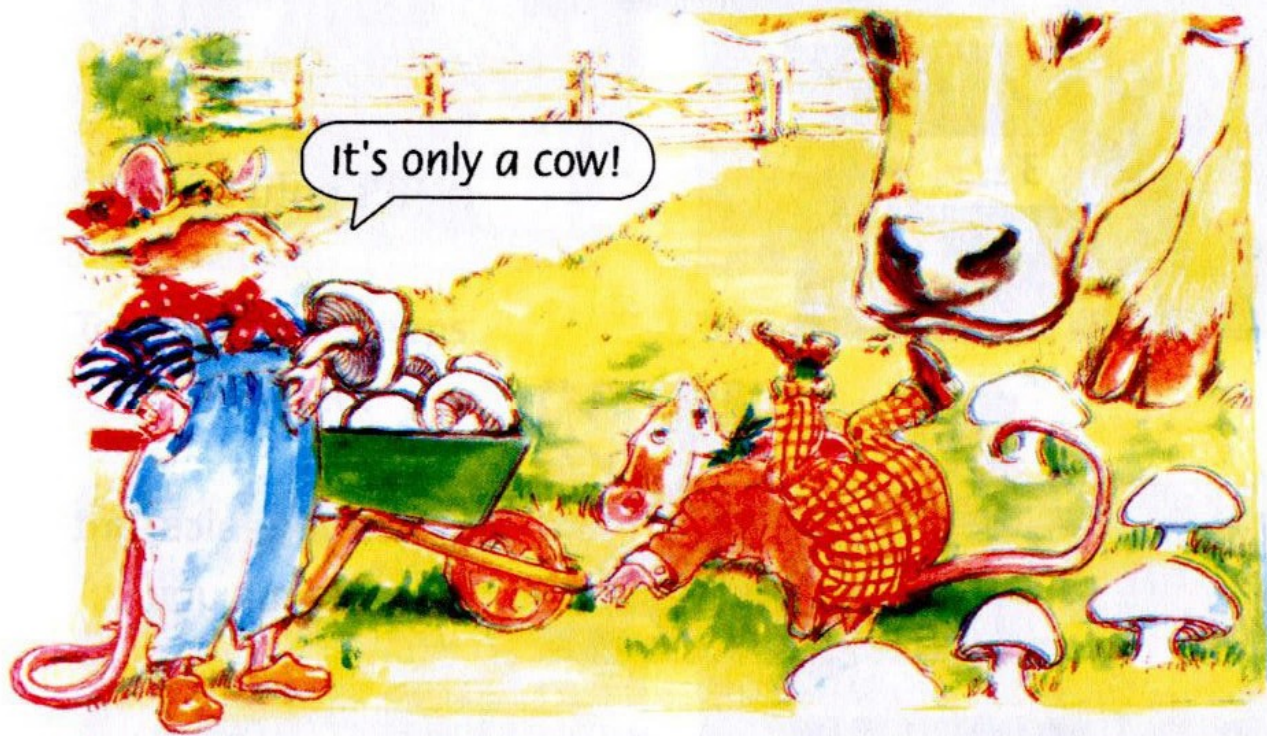




In the morning Town Mouse is tired.
But Country Mouse isn't tired.
'Come on!' he says.
'Let's go and get some food.'



The grass is long and wet.
Town Mouse's feet and trousers are wet.
He doesn't like the country very much!



There's a cow in the field.
'Oh!' cries Town Mouse 'What's that?'
'It's only a cow!' laughs Country Mouse.

cow



feet



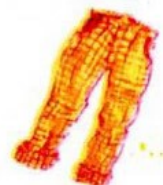
field



grass



trousers



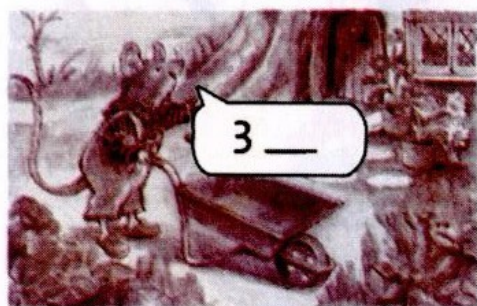
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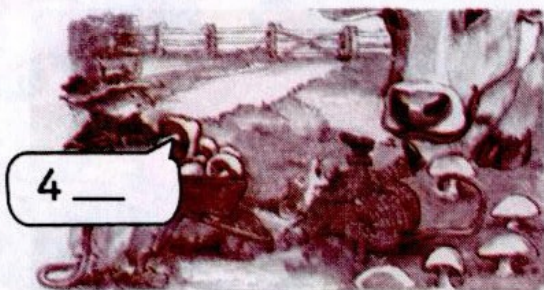
a Let's go and get some food.



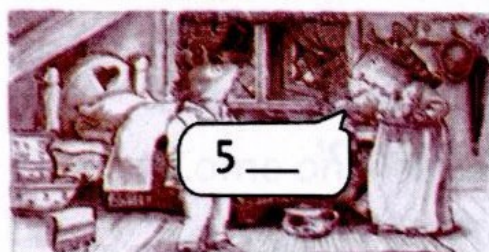
b You can have my bed tonight.



c It's only a cow!



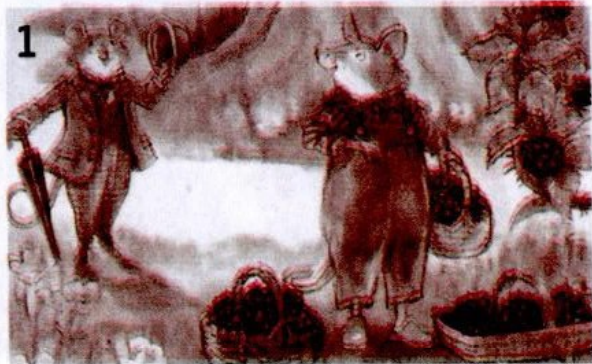
d It's very nice, but no thank you.



e Hello, my friend!

Fill in the gaps.

to at in
in in



Country Mouse lives
in the country.



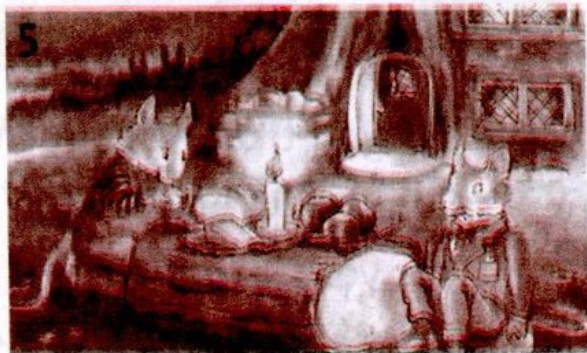
Town Mouse sleeps
_____ his bed.



Town Mouse can't
go _____ sleep.



There's a cow
_____ the field.



It's dark _____
night in the country.



'Do you like the country?' asks
Country Mouse.

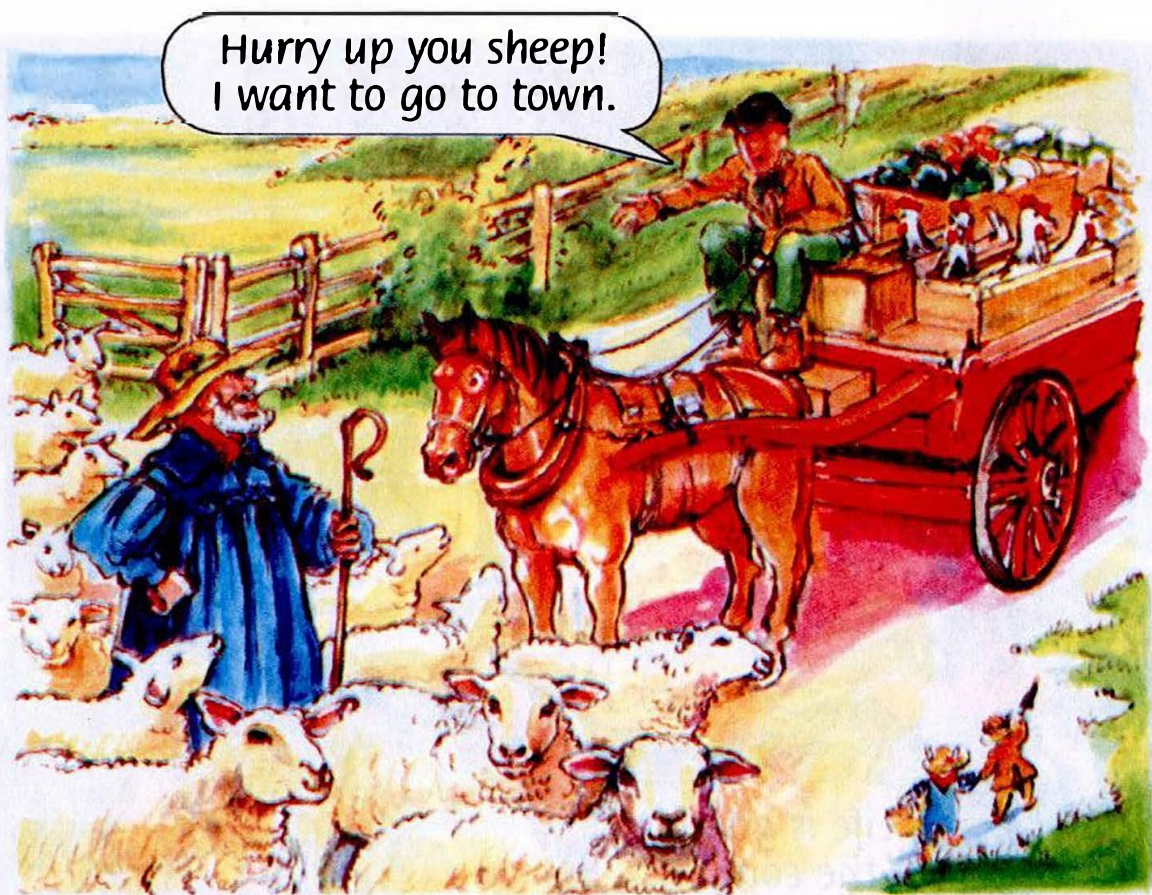
'It's very strange here,' says Town
Mouse. 'It's very interesting.

It's different.

But I think I like the town best.'



'Life is good in the country,' says Country Mouse.
'Yes,' says Town Mouse. 'But I like the town better.
It's nice and warm and dry in the town.
It isn't dark at night and there's a lot to see.
It's very interesting.
And the food! Oh, there's a lot of food! Let's go
there. Come with me and see.'



The next day the two mice see a cart.
It's going to town.

'Hurry up you sheep!' says the man.
'I want to go to town.'

'Listen,' says Town Mouse. 'That cart's
going to town. Come on.'



sheep





It's good to be home again.

Soon Town Mouse is home.
'Ah!' he says, happily. 'It's good to be home again.'
But Country Mouse thinks:
'What a lot of noise!
What a lot of people!'

home



Answer the questions.

1 Town Mouse sleeps in Country Mouse's ...

a ☐ garden b ☒ bed c ☐ field

2 It's very ... in the country at night.

a ☐ noisy b ☐ quiet c ☐ dry

3 In the morning, Town Mouse is ...

a ☐ tired b ☐ warm c ☐ happy

4 They get some food in a ...

a ☐ shop b ☐ field c ☐ house

5 The grass is long and ...

a ☐ blue b ☐ dry c ☐ wet

6 Town Mouse wants to go back to ...

a ☐ the country b ☐ the town c ☐ the sea

7 The two mice go to town ...

a ☐ on a cart b ☐ in a car c ☐ on a bus

What's this?

1 Is this the country? No.

Is it quiet here? _____

2 Is this a house? _____

Is it small? _____

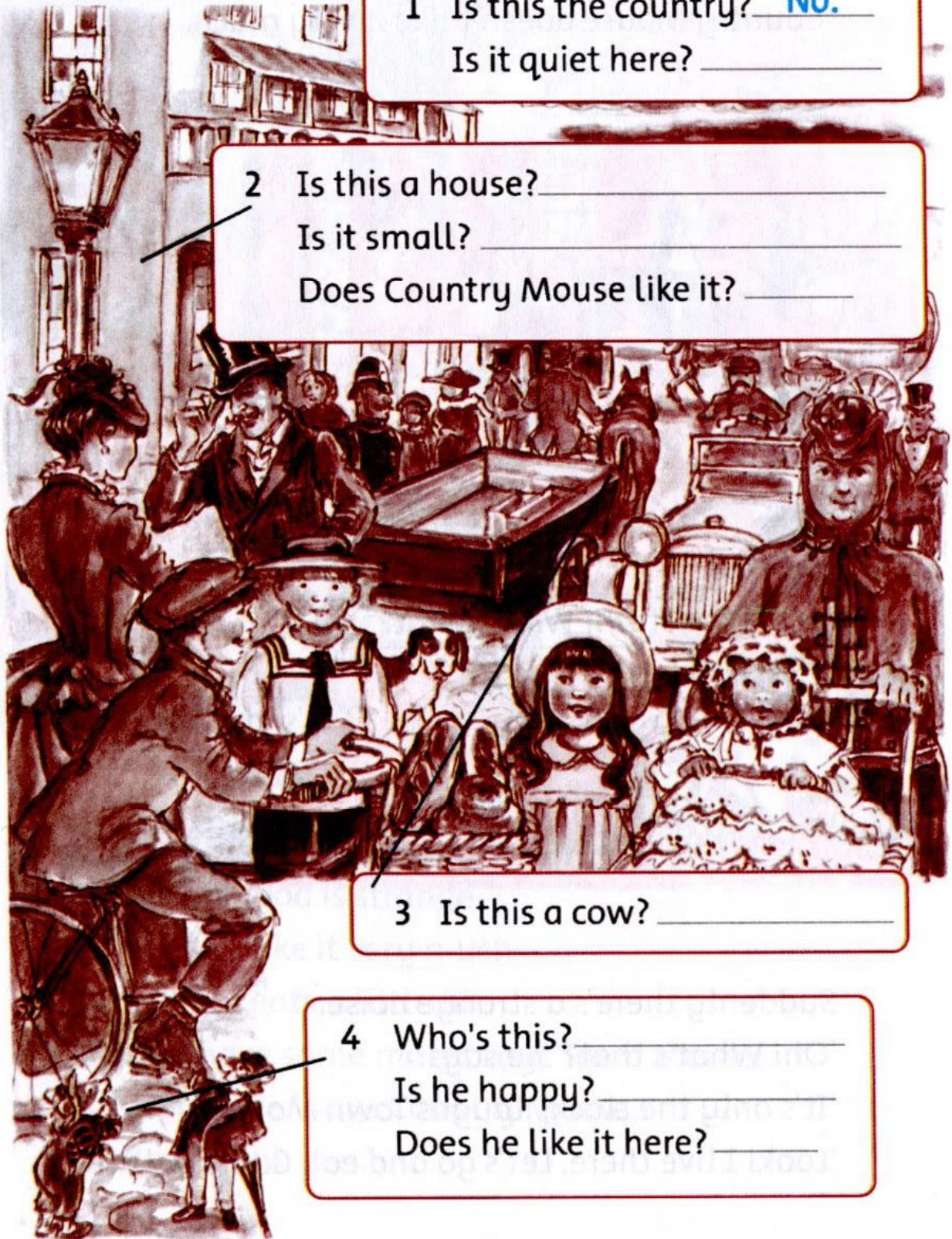
Does Country Mouse like it? _____

3 Is this a cow? _____

4 Who's this? _____

Is he happy? _____

Does he like it here? _____



The house is very big.

Country Mouse doesn't like it very much.



Suddenly there's a strange noise.

'Oh! What's that?' he says.

'It's only the clock,' laughs Town Mouse.

'Look! I live there. Let's go and eat. Come on!'

clock





There's a lot to eat. But Country Mouse
thinks the food is strange.
He doesn't like it very much.
So he only eats a little bit.
'Please have some more,' says Town Mouse.
'It's very nice,' says Country Mouse,
'but no thank you.'



Town Mouse gives Country Mouse his bed.
'You can have my bed tonight,' he says.
'Thank you,' says Country Mouse.



But Town Mouse's bed is strange.
Country Mouse doesn't like it very much.
He can't go to sleep.
It isn't dark in the room and the street
is very noisy.

street





In the morning Country Mouse is tired.
But Town Mouse isn't tired.
'Come on!' he says. 'Let's go and get some food.'

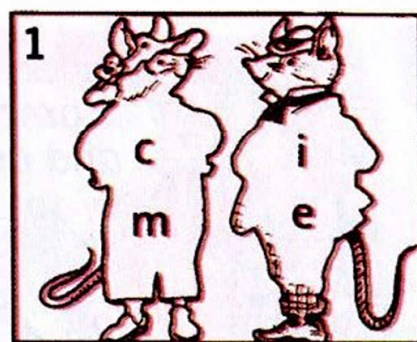


But there's a cat and they can't go out.

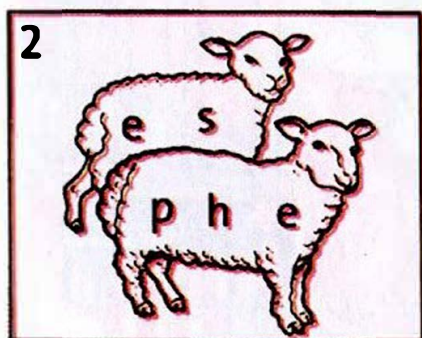
Write the words.

clock food ~~mice~~ people

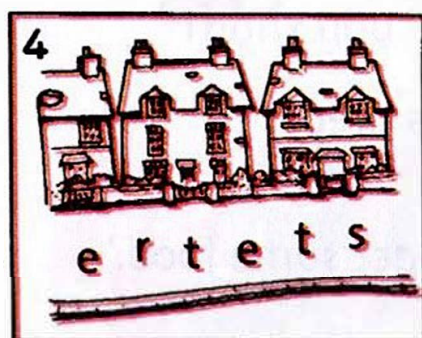
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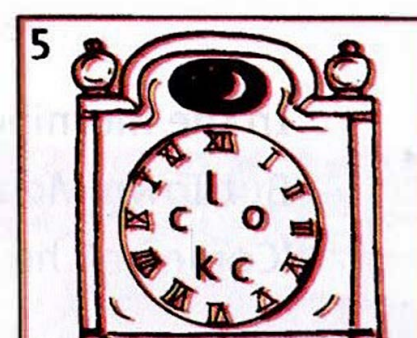


m i c e













Put the words in the correct order.

- 1 gives Mouse Town bed him his .

Town Mouse gives him his bed.

- 2 Mouse's Town is strange bed .

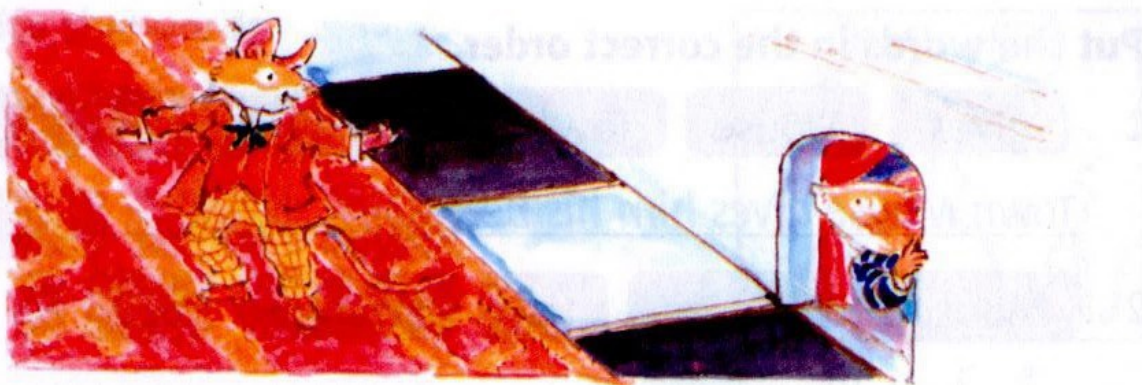
- 3 noisy is street The very .

- 4 go Country can't to Mouse sleep .

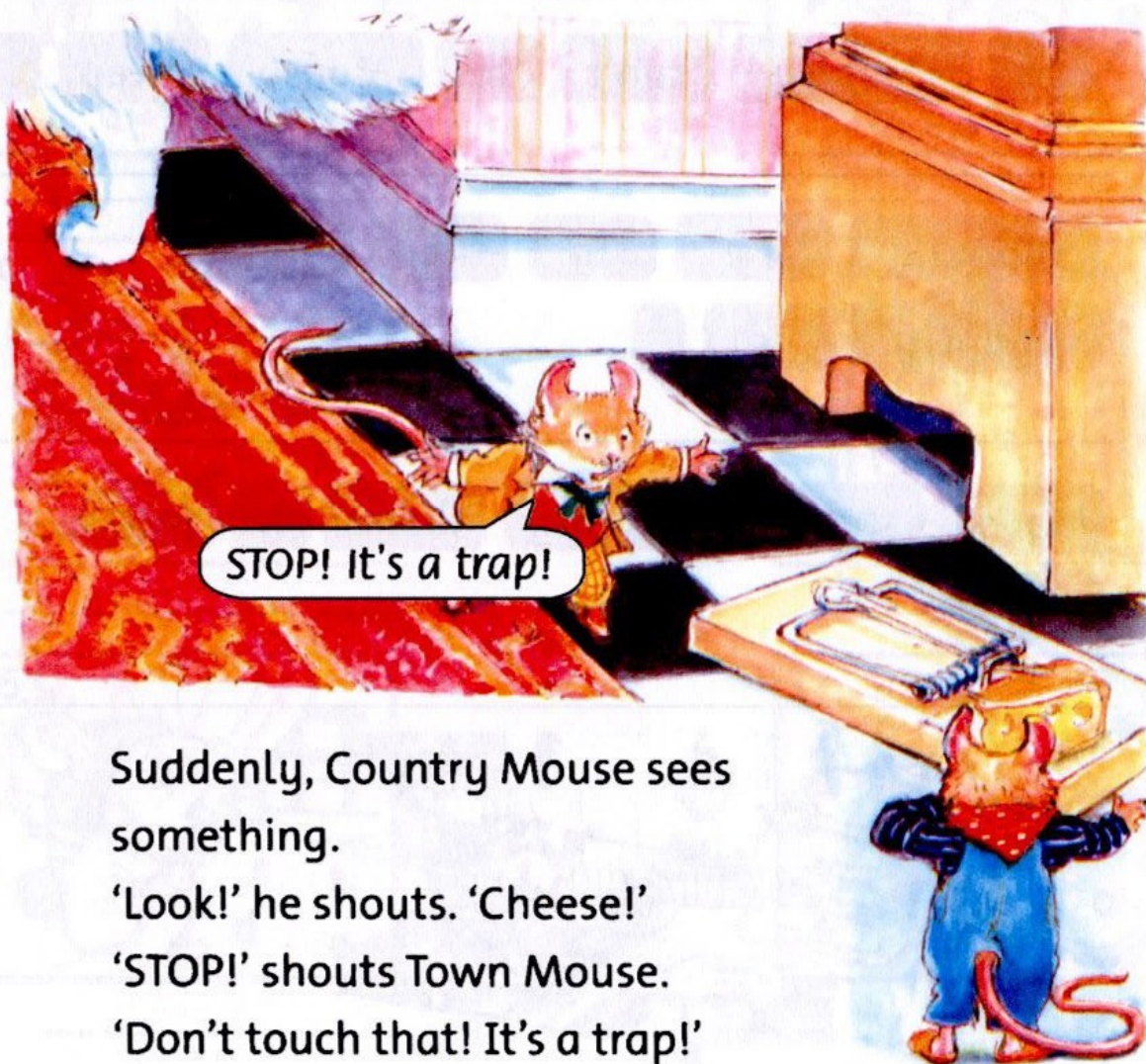
- 5 morning the In tired Mouse
Country is .

- 6 Mouse strange Country thinks is food
the .





At last the cat goes away.
The two mice are very hungry.



Suddenly, Country Mouse sees something.

'Look!' he shouts. 'Cheese!'

'STOP!' shouts Town Mouse.

'Don't touch that! It's a trap!'

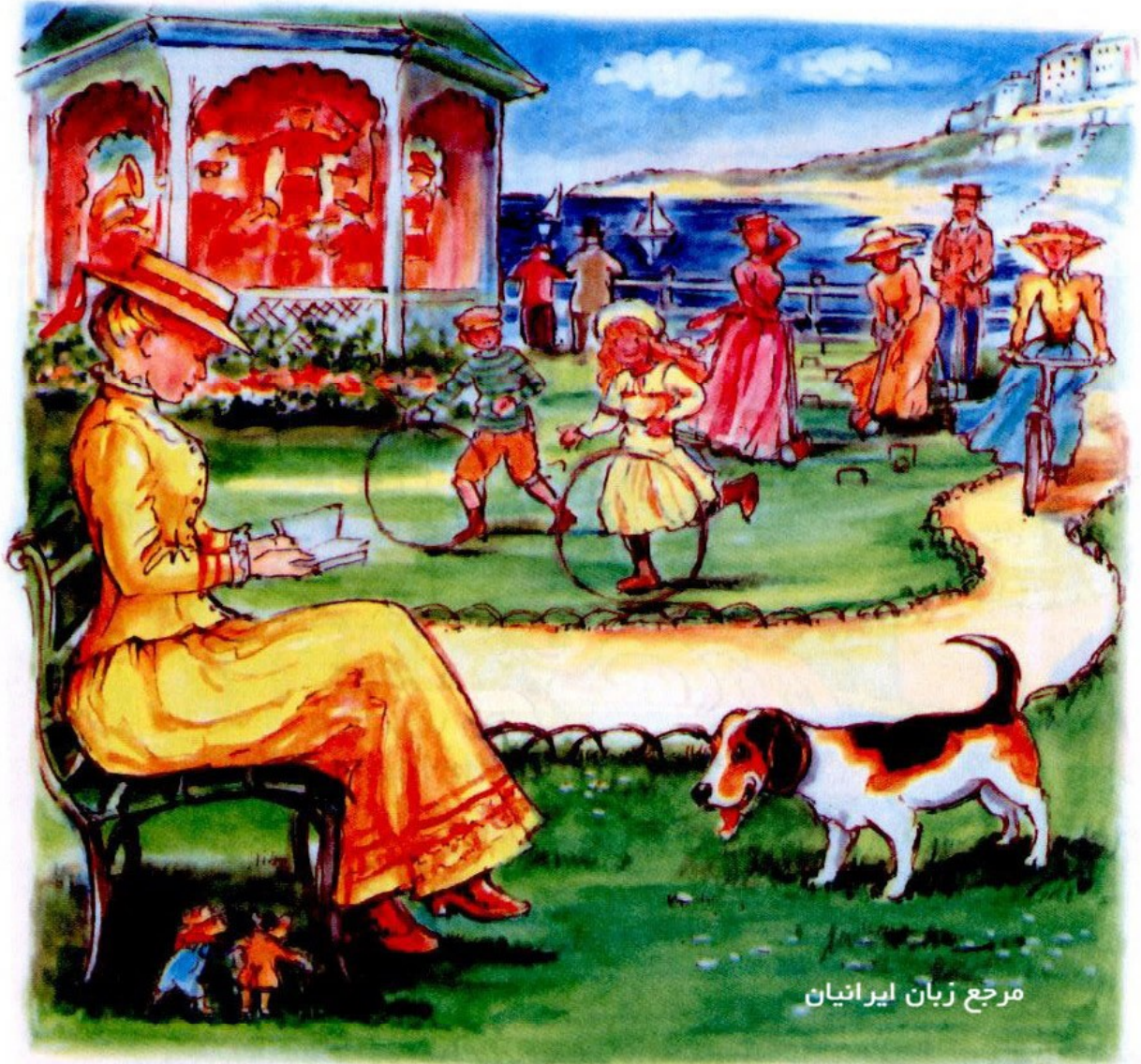
cheese

trap





Do you like the town?' asks Town Mouse.
'It's very strange here,' says Country Mouse.
'It's interesting. It's different.
But I think I like the country best.'



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'Life is good in the town,' says Town Mouse.

'Yes,' says Country Mouse. 'But I like the country better.

It's nice and quiet in the country.'

'I understand,' says Town Mouse.

'We like different things.'



The next day they see a cart. It's going to the country.

'Hurry up you children,' says the driver.

'I want to go to the country.'

'Listen,' says Country Mouse.

'That cart's going to the country.

Goodbye my friend. Thank you.'

'Write to me,' says Town Mouse.





Soon Country Mouse is home.
He's in the country.
He sits by the fire.
'Ah!' he says happily. 'It's good to be
home again.'

fire



Answer the questions.

1 Who can't go to sleep in the dark?

- a ☐ Country Mouse c ☐ the cat
b ☒ Town Mouse

2 What is long and wet?

- a ☐ the cow b ☐ the food c ☐ the grass

3 Where is it warm and dry?

- a ☐ in the field c ☐ in the town
b ☐ in the country

4 What makes a strange noise at five o'clock?

- a ☐ the cat b ☐ the trap c ☐ the clock

5 There's a ... so the mice can't go out.

- a ☐ cat b ☐ trap c ☐ dog

6 What is in the trap?

- a ☐ a mouse b ☐ a cat c ☐ some cheese

7 Country Mouse is happy ...

- a ☐ by the fire b ☐ in the town c ☐ on the cart

Crossword.

bed

cart

cheese

clock

cow

grass

mouse

sheep

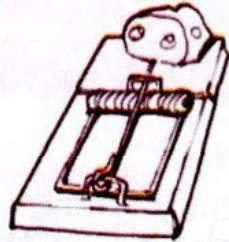
trousers

trap

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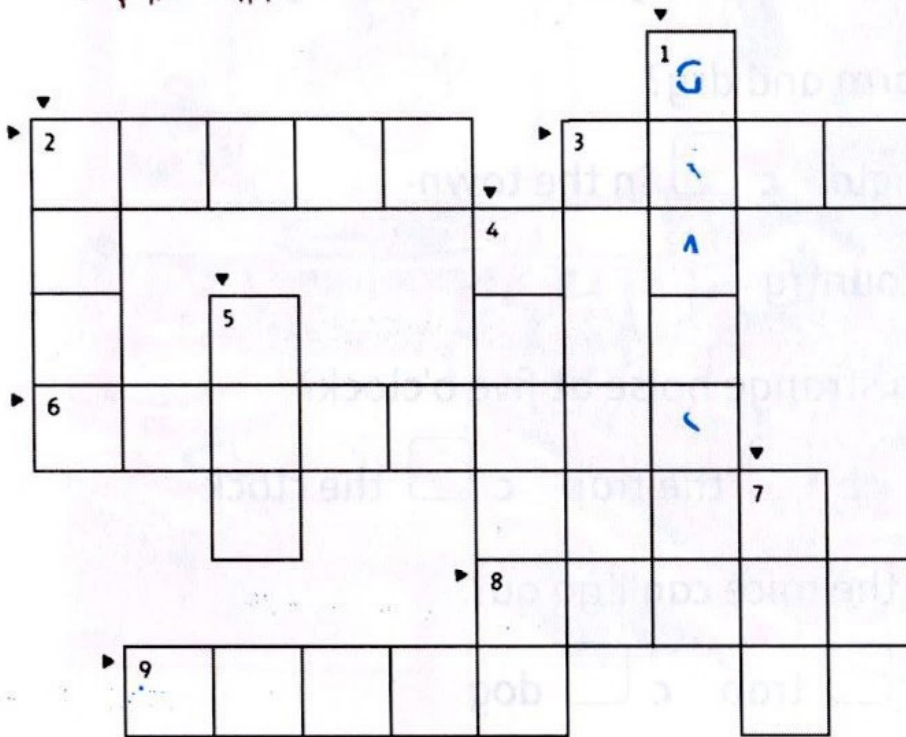
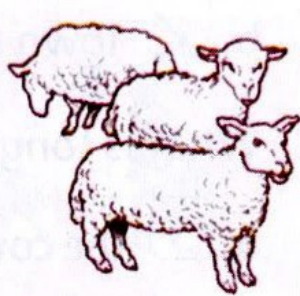
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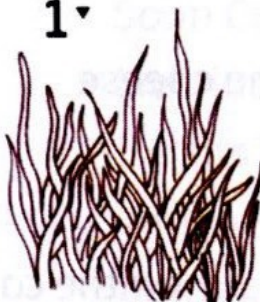
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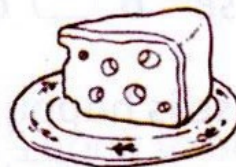
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5



Act the play.

Scene 1

Chant



Town Mouse comes to the country.
He comes to see his friend, Country Mouse.

Town Mouse

Hello, Country Mouse!

Country Mouse

Hello, my friend!

Scene 2

Country Mouse

Have some food.

Town Mouse

Only a little, thank you.

Chant

Town Mouse thinks the food is strange. He doesn't like it very much.



Country Mouse

Please, have some more.

Town Mouse

It's very nice, but no thank you.

Scene 3

Country Mouse

Come on, come on!

Town Mouse

Where are we going?

Country Mouse

To get some food.

Chant

There's a cow in the field.

Town Mouse

Oh! What's that?

Country Mouse

It's only a cow!



Scene 4

Country Mouse

Town Mouse

Life is good in the country.

Yes, but I like the town better. It's nice and warm and dry in the town. It isn't dark at night and there's a lot to see. Let's go to the town.



Scene 5

Town Mouse

Country Mouse

Ah! It's good to be home again.

What a lot of noise! What a lot of people! What a big house!

Chant

Tick-tock, tick-tock, tick-tock ...

Ding, ding, ding, ding, ding!

Country Mouse

Town Mouse

Oh! What's that?

It's only the clock. Look! I live there.

Let's go and eat. Come on!



Scene 6

Town Mouse

Country Mouse

Chant

Have some food.

Only a little, thank you.

Country Mouse thinks the food is strange. He doesn't like it very much.



Scene 7

Town Mouse

Come on! Let's go and get some food.

Country Mouse

Oh! What's that?

Town Mouse

It's a cat. Stop! Don't go out!

Chant

At last the cat goes away.

Country Mouse

Look! Cheese!

Town Mouse

Stop! Don't touch that!

It's a trap!

Scene 8

Town Mouse

Life is good in the town.

Country Mouse

Yes, but I like the country better. It's nice and quiet in the country.

Town Mouse

I understand. We like different things.

Country Mouse

Goodbye my friend. Thank you.

Town Mouse

Goodbye. Write to me!

Country Mouse

Ah! It's good to be home again.

Chant

It's good to be home in the country.
And it's good to be home in the town.





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