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## 🔊 The Lion and the Mouse

One day, a little mouse was skipping along next to a **stream** in a jungle.

🔊 A big lion was sleeping nearby. The lion reached out and grabbed the mouse.

“Please don’t eat me!” said the mouse.





▶ The mouse was too small to make a good meal.

So the lion let him go.

▶ Later, the mouse heard a great roar.

The lion was **tangled**, or caught, in some ropes.

🔊 “Please help me!” said the lion.

The little mouse said, “You set me free.

So I will help you.”

🔊 The little mouse jumped on top of the lion.

He chewed the ropes.



▶ The lion **flung** the ropes to the ground.

▶ Then he hugged the mouse with his big paws.

From then on, the two friends lived **peacefully** in the jungle.



## 🔊 The Hare and the Tortoise

One day, Mr. Hare was boasting about how fast he could run.

🔊 “I can beat any animal in a race!”  
said the hare.

A tortoise said, “I will race you.”





▶ All the forest animals lined up to watch the race.

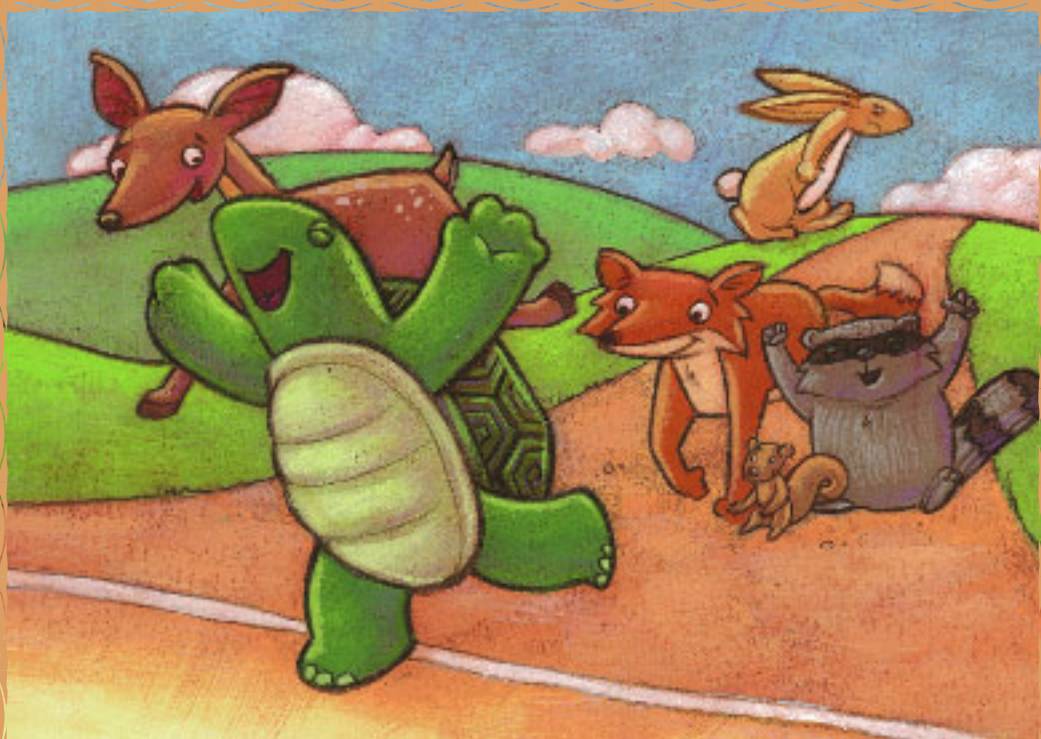
▶ Mr. Hare and Mr. Tortoise were ready.

So Mr. Fox yelled, "On your mark, get set, GO!"





- ▶ The hare ran so fast.  
He could beat anyone in a race!  
So he sat under a tree and took a nap.
- ▶ Meanwhile, the tortoise kept going.  
He passed the sleeping hare.



- ▶ At last, the hare woke up.  
Mr. Tortoise ran off to finish the race. But the tortoise had won!
- ▶ Mr. Tortoise smiled and said,  
“Slow and steady wins the race.”

## City Mouse and Country Mouse

One day, City Mouse went to visit Country Mouse.

Country Mouse said, "Please eat with me."

So City Mouse sat down to eat the simple food.





City Mouse said, "You must come to the city.

I will show you how to live!"

The next day, they went to City Mouse's house.

Country Mouse had never seen such fine food!

▶ The mice began to eat.  
Then they heard barking and  
growling!

▶ “That’s just the family dog,” said  
City Mouse.



“I don’t like having a dog so close!” said Country Mouse.

“Good-bye!

I am going back to the country!  
I would rather eat simple foods in  
peace than fancy foods in fear.”



# Responding



## TARGET SKILL Cause and Effect

In “The Lion and the Mouse,” the lion caught the mouse. This caused other things to happen in the fable. Copy the chart below. Write what happened.

Cause	Effect
lion caught mouse	



## Write About It

**Text to World** Make notes for a report about a jungle animal such as a lion. Include details that help readers picture the subject.





### TARGET VOCABULARY

blazed

empty

flung

peacefully

tangled

tumbling

stream

swift



### TARGET SKILL

**Cause and Effect** Tell

how one event makes another happen.



### TARGET STRATEGY

**Visualize** Picture what

is happening as you read.



**GENRE** A **fable** is a short story in which a character learns a lesson.

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**DRA:** 18

**Genre:**

Fable

**Strategy:**

Visualize

**Skill:**

Cause and Effect

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