



The Town Mouse and the Country Mouse

Characters

Narrator 1

Narrator 2

Country Mouse

Town Mouse

Dog

Cat

Setting

This reader's theater takes place many years ago in a grassy field in the country and a fancy house in a town.



Act I

Narrator 1:

A simple country mouse lives in a hole under a bush.

Narrator 2:

The mouse has lived there all its life and is very happy.

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One day, the mouse hears a knock on its door.

Narrator 2:

Since the mouse does not often have visitors, it hurries to open it.

Country Mouse:

Cousin, come in, come in!

Town Mouse:

Hello, Cousin. I decided it was time to pay you a visit. So here I am.

Narrator 1:

The country mouse and the town mouse rarely see each other.

Narrator 2:

The town mouse lives far away.



Country Mouse: You must stay for dinner. I will serve my very best food.

Town Mouse: Thank you. I'd be happy to!

Narrator 1: The country mouse prepares a tasty meal of seeds, corn, and a bit of cheese. They drink water from a nearby spring.

Narrator 2: After supper, they sit by the fire and talk.

Town Mouse: Cousin, how can you be so happy? You live far away from everything nice. You eat common food.

Country Mouse: I'm very happy here. I'm never hungry. The animals that live in the field are my friends. Every day is peaceful.

Town Mouse: You don't know what you're missing! In town there's music, dancing, and feasting. Come home with me. I'll show you.



Narrator 1: The country mouse isn't sure if the town is the best place to be.

Country Mouse: Thank you. Let me sleep on it.

Narrator 2: Both mice go to bed and sleep well in the quiet darkness.

Poem: The City Mouse and the Garden Mouse

Act 2

Narrator 1: The next morning, the town mouse urges the country mouse to come to town.

Town Mouse: You must come home with me. You only live once. You might as well enjoy yourself.

Narrator 2: At last the country mouse agrees. The two mice set out for town. Their journey is peaceful until they reach the edge of town.