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Mouse Goes to Town

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Country Mouse lived in a hole in a field.

He ate beans and plain bread. One day his cousin came.

It was Town Mouse. "Is this all you eat?" he said.

"Come to town with me!" said Town Mouse.

So they went to town. It was dark when they got there.

Town Mouse took him to a big house.

On a table sat cake, cheese, and jam.

Country Mouse had a bite of cake. "So good!" he said.

Then a door went creak. In came a big cat!

"Run!" said Town Mouse. They ran into a hole in the wall.

They sat still till the cat left. Thump, thump, went their hearts.

They went back to the cake. Then dogs came in, barking!

The mice ran to the hole once more.

Country Mouse shook from nose to tail.

"Good-bye," he said. "Keep your cake. I am going home."

He went back to his hole in the field.

He ate his beans, and he slept well.

Questions

1. What did Country Mouse eat at home?

A. Beans and bread
B. Cake
C. Jam

2. Who took him to town?

A. A dog
B. A cat
C. His cousin

3. What came in after the cat?

A. Dogs
B. Hens
C. Birds

4. Why did Country Mouse go home?

A. He was too scared in town
B. He did not like cake
C. He lost his hat

5. What does this fable show?

A. Cats are big
B. A calm home is worth a lot
C. Cake is bad

Words to know

cousin: a child of your aunt or uncle
cheese: a food made from milk
barking: loud dog noise

Answer key: Mouse Goes to Town

1. A. Beans and bread
2. C. His cousin
3. A. Dogs
4. A. He was too scared in town
5. B. A calm home is worth a lot