

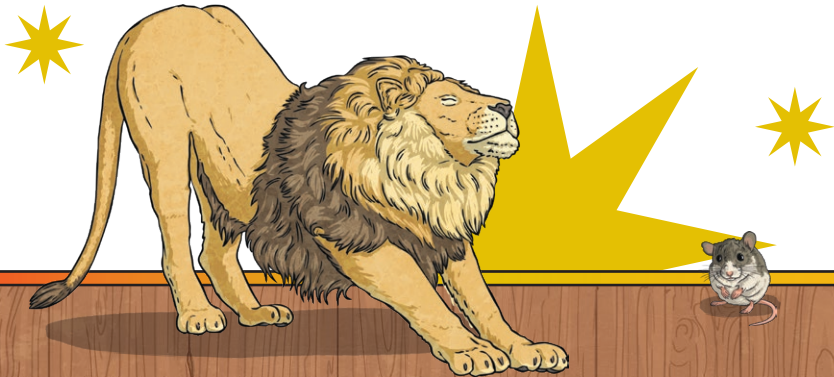


Aesop's Fable: The Lion and the Mouse

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39 and opened his big jaws to swallow him. "Pardon, O
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63 be able to help you." The lion was so tickled at this idea
74 that he lifted up his paw and let the mouse go.

84 Sometime after, the lion was caught in a trap. Just
96 then, the tiny mouse passed by. He saw the sad plight of
108 the lion so went to help. He soon gnawed away the ropes
119 that bound the King of the Beasts. "Was I not right?"
122 said the mouse.

128 Little friends may prove great friends.



Questions



1. How else could the author have written the moral?



2. Find **two** adjectives used to describe the lion or the mouse.



3. Why was the lion **tickled** at the idea of the mouse helping him one day?



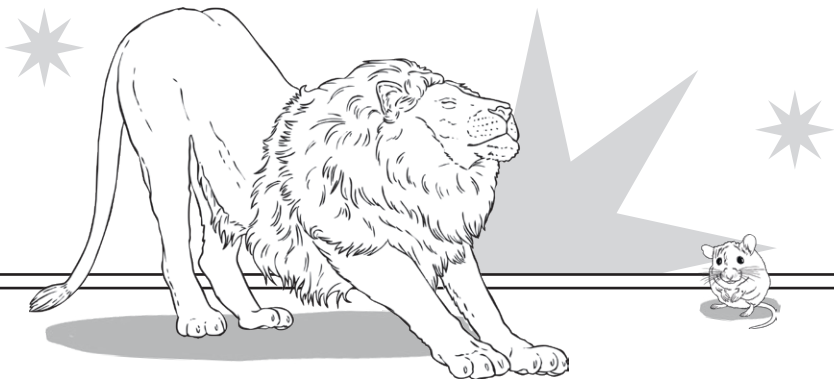
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Answers



1. How else could the author have written the moral?
**Accept any rewording of the moral, such as:
Despite your size, you can still be a big help.**



2. Find **two** adjectives used to describe the lion or the mouse.
Accept any two of the following answers for the lion: mighty; huge; big. Accept the two following answers for the mouse: little; tiny.



3. Why was the lion **tickled** at the idea of the mouse helping him one day?
Pupils' own responses, such as: The lion did not believe that something so small could help such a mighty creature like himself so he found this amusing.



4. Who caught the lion in a trap? Why?
Pupils' own responses, such as: I think that humans caught the lion in a trap, probably because they were worried that it would attack them.