

# The Town Mouse and the Country Mouse

Once upon a time, a town mouse went to the countryside and met a country mouse. The country mouse asked the town mouse to come to his house. They sat down to eat a dinner of peas and corn but the town mouse didn't like it.



"This food is boring!" the town mouse said. "You should come and try the food in town."



"I will," said the country mouse.

They set off for the town.

They went to the town mouse's house and opened the cupboard. Inside, there was jam, chutney, rice and pasta.

The country mouse was amazed.

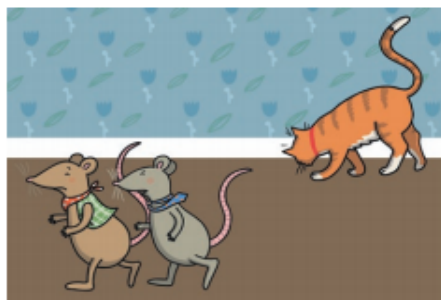
Then, the kitchen door swung open and the cook came in.

The mice ran to the mouse hole.

The country mouse was terrified.



When the cook was gone, the mice went to find more food. They went to the cupboard and found a jar of prunes to eat.



"Yum!" said the country mouse. "Thank you, town mouse."

"Shhhh!" said the town mouse. The cat had crept into the kitchen.

The mice tiptoed back to the hole. They

went to the cellar. There was even more food there.

The country mouse saw a tasty looking piece of cheese in the corner. He ran to get it.

"Stop!" said the town mouse. "It's a mousetrap!"



"Oh dear!" said the country mouse. "I think it's time for me to go. There are too many shocks here!"

**It is better to have a little and live in peace than have a lot and live in fear.**