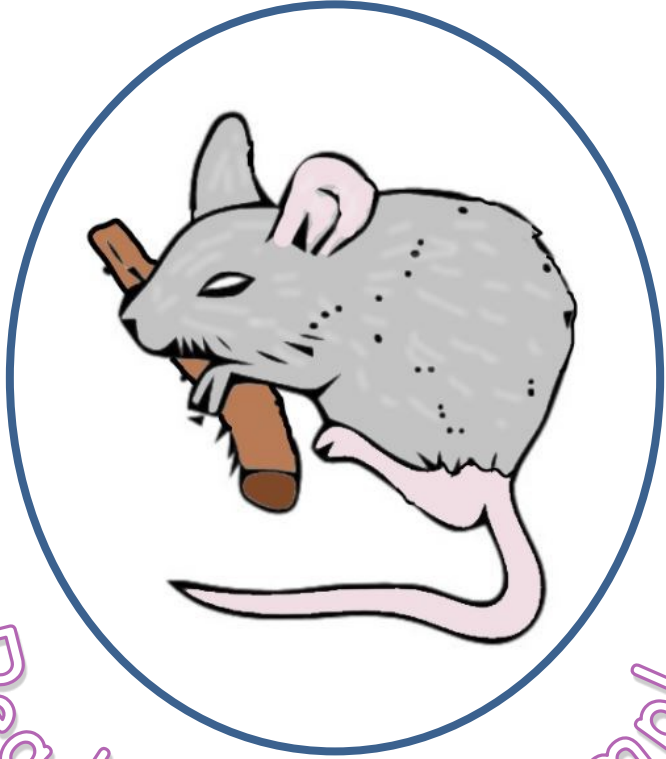


Mouse in the
house!



Reading Made Simple



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Practice these words before reading the story.

You can sound them out.

kitchen

door

rushed

catch

floor

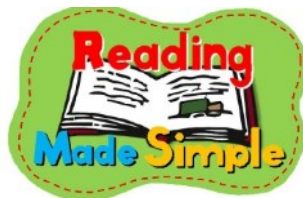
cried

press

parked

cheese

around a round



This book is to be read after the sound

ou

has been learnt.

Practice these words before reading the story.

You cannot sound them out. Learn them on flashcards first.

does

gone

Introduction:

The sea-side is a wonderful place to play, but it can be very dangerous. Find out what happens when Pam and Sam go to the seaside.

Gran has a mouse in the house.

A mouse in the house?

Yes, a mouse in the house.

Gran runs around and about.

She must get the mouse out of the house.

I must get that mouse out of
my house!



around

She tells Grandad.

Grandad groans.

“Not a house in the mouse,” he says.

“I mean, a mouse in the house. We must get it out!”

Grandad wants to get a mouse trap.

Gran does not want to kill the mouse.



I just want to get
that mouse out of my
house!

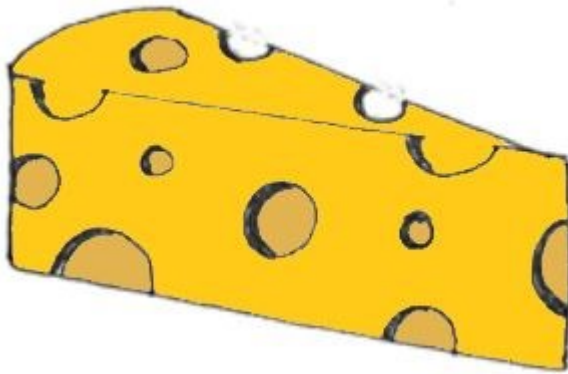
does

trap

“We will get a trap to catch the mouse and then we will take it to the woods,” said Grandad.

Grandad went to the shop and got a trap.

“It will not kill the mouse,” he said. “We put some cheese in this end, and then when the mouse tries to eat it, SNAP, it will be stuck in the trap.”



catch

cheese

That night, they set the trap. Grandad put some cheese in the end and they put it in the kitchen.

In the morning they looked at the trap. The cheese had gone, but no mouse.

“That is one wise mouse,” said Grandad.

“It did not press on the spring, so the trap door did not drop.

“The mouse is still in my house!” shouted Gran. “We must get it out. It is eating my things.”

kitchen

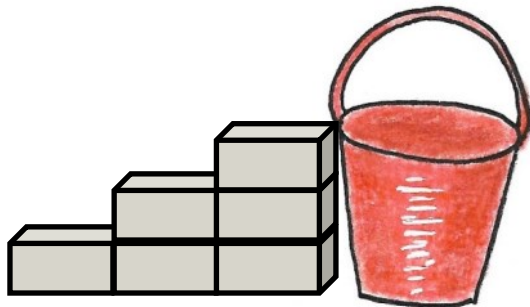
press

door

Grandad looked in a book. The book said to put a bucket on the floor and to put some cheese in the bucket. Then it said to make steps up to the top of the bucket.

“The mouse will smell the food and go up the steps. Then it will drop into the bucket,” he said to Gran.

That night, they put the cheese in the bucket. They used big books to make steps up to the top of the bucket.



In the morning, they looked in the bucket. The cheese was still in the bucket, but no mouse.

“That is one wise mouse!” said Grandad.

“The mouse is still in my house,” shouted Gran. “We must get it out!”

“I have a plan,” said Grandad. “I will use the trap, but I will make it into a good trap.”

Grandad fixed the trap so that when the mouse went into the trap it had to press on the spring.

“Then, SNAP, the mouse will be stuck in the trap,” he said.

That night, they set the trap. They put cheese in the end and went to bed.

In the morning, Gran rushed into the kitchen to look at the trap.

Inside the trap was a mouse.

“The mouse! The mouse” she cried as she went rushing to tell Grandad.

“We have got the mouse in the trap!”

Grandad came to see.

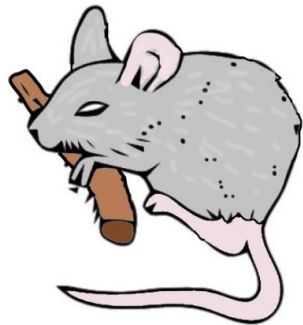
“One not so wise mouse!” he said with a grin. “Come with us mouse. You are going to the woods to live.”

Grandad and Gran put the mouse, in the trap, into the car. Grandad drove to the woods.

He parked the car. Gran lifted the mouse out of the car. She took the trap into the woods. Then she lifted the trap lid. Out ran the mouse as quick as quick.

“I am sad to see the mouse go,” said Gran, “but I cannot have a mouse my house.”

“No,” said Grandad. “We cannot have a house in the mouse. I mean, a mouse in the house!”



Here are some words you met in the story. Can you read them?

You can sound them out.

catch	kitchen	press
cheese	door	floor
cried	rushed	looked
parked		

Here are some more words you met in the story. Can you read them?

You cannot sound them out.

does	gone	
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