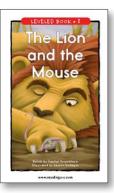


Teacher's Guide

Reader's Theater

The Lion and the Mouse



For book *The Lion and the Mouse*, Level I

Script Level: Grade 1 (Upper)

Word Count: 241 Script Summary:

A tiny mouse stumbles upon a sleeping lion and finds herself trapped under his huge paw. Just as she is about to become an afternoon snack for Lion, Mouse convinces him to let her go, promising to help him one day. Will Mouse be able to help the mighty Lion?

Objectives and Assessment

Monitor students to determine if they can:

- consistently read their lines with appropriate rate and accuracy
- consistently read their lines with appropriate expression, including pause, inflection, and intonation
- follow along silently and listen for spoken cues

Using the Scripts:

- Each role is assigned a reading level according to the syntactic and semantic difficulty encountered. Feel free to divide roles further to include more readers in a group.
- Discuss vocabulary and encourage readers to practice their lines to promote fluent delivery of the script.
- Before reading, have students identify their lines in the script by checking or coloring the boxes beside their part. You may also have them highlight or underline their part.

Vocabulary:

Story words: chew, help, mighty, spare, struggles, traps

Cast of Characters:

Grade 1 (Upper)			
Narrator 1	Narrator 3	Mouse	
Narrator 2	Lion		





Script

The Lion and the Mouse

Cast of Characters:

Parts				
Narrator 1	Narrator 3	Mouse		
Narrator 2	Lion			
Narrator 1				
Lion lies asleep on a sunny afternoon.				
Mouse is hurrying home through the tall grass.				
Narrator 2				
She stumbles	upon Lion and wake	s him.		
Lion traps Mouse under his huge paw.				
Narrator 3				
He lifts her by the tail.				
He swings her slowly through the air.				
Lion				
An afternoon snack.				
Delightful.				
Narrator 1				
Mouse feels Lion's hot breath on her fur.				





Script (continued)	The Lion and the Mouse
Mouse	
I am so scared.	
Narrator 2	
Her voice is just a squ	eak.
Mouse	
Spare me, and one do	ay I will help you in return.
Narrator 3	
Lion laughs loudly.	
Mouse trembles.	
Lion	
You, help me?	
You are a funny little o	one.
Narrator 1	
Still, he lets Mouse go.	
Lion	
It's a nice day.	
I'm going to doze off	again under the hot sun.
Narrator 2	
Mouse dashes home.	





Script (continued) The Lion and the Mouse Mouse I'm so happy to be alive. **Narrator 3** The day comes when Lion steps into a hunter's net. Lion I'm trapped! **Narrator 1** Lion struggles. Lion The net is pulling tighter! Narrator 2 Lion roars in anger. **Narrator 3** Then he roars in fear. **Narrator 1** His loud roar carries in every direction. **Narrator 2**

Many animals hear him.





Script (continued)	The Lion and the Mouse
Narrator 3	
None come to help.	
Narrator 1	
None dare to free Lion	, except Mouse.
Mouse	
I will run to Lion's side!	
Narrator 2	
She finds him in the tra	p.
Mouse	
Let me chew away the	net with my sharp little teeth.
Narrator 3	
Before long, Lion is free	· ·
Lion	
It feels great to shake	off those ropes.
Thank you, little friend.	
Mouse	
You are most welcome,	big friend.
What you give is what	you get.



Narrator 1

Narrator 2

What is just as true?

Narrator 3

Me Lion and the Mouse

The Lion and the Mouse

That even a little mouse can help a mighty lion.