

Field Mouse and House Mouse

One day Field Mouse met House Mouse. Field Mouse invited House 11
 Mouse to visit her. The mice set off for Field Mouse’s small home in the 26
 ground. Field Mouse made her new friend comfortable. She didn’t have 37
 much food, only some beans and dried corn, but she was happy to share. 51
 House Mouse didn’t think this was a very good dinner. “You have a snug 65
 little home here,” he said. “But you should see my house and what I have 80
 there. You can’t imagine how wonderful it is.” The two mice visited the 93
 big house. Field Mouse liked the soft rugs and the tasty things to eat. 107
 They ate up cakes and jellies and cheese—everything a hungry mouse 119
 could want! Suddenly they heard scratching and a loud, “Meow!” Field 130
 Mouse was scared. “What is that?” she asked. “It’s only the big cat 143
 that lives here,” House Mouse told her. “Goodbye my friend,” said 154
 Field Mouse. “I’m going home. I would rather have my simple food in 167
 safety than all your fine food and danger.” 175

	day 1	day 2	day 3	day 4
words read in 1 minute				
– number of mistakes				
= total words read correctly				
adult initials				

Parent Tips

Your student's fluency develops when she has many successful opportunities with reading. So it's important she practice reading aloud texts that are rather easy – that is, the texts should be at her independent reading level. If the text is more difficult, she must focus on word recognition and won't have a chance to develop fluency. The text should also be relatively short –around 200 words. These weekly reading passages are a perfect format for helping your child develop and maintain her fluent reading skills.

1. This story is a *fable* because it teaches a lesson. What lesson does Field Mouse learn in this fable?

- o It's better to live in a great big house.
- o It's better to be poor and safe than rich and in danger.
- o It's better not to make friends with rich people.

2. Why is House Mouse willing to put up with the cat?

- o He likes nice things.
- o He's too afraid to move.
- o He gets lost outside.

3. What does House Mouse like for dinner?

- o corn
- o beans
- o cheese



4. Which mouse is right?