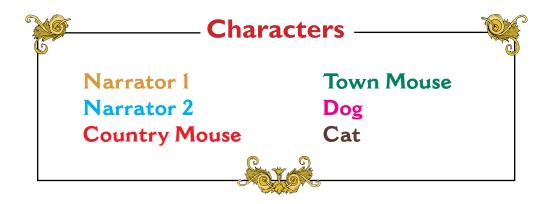


The Town Mouse and the Country Mouse



Setting

This reader's theater takes place many years ago in a grassy field in the country and a fancy house in a town.



Act I

Narrator 1:	A simple country mouse lives in a hole under a bush.
Narrator 2:	The mouse has lived there all its life and is very happy.
Narrator 1:	One day, the mouse hears a knock on its door.
Narrator 2:	Since the mouse does not often have visitors, it hurries to open it.
Country Mouse:	Cousin, come in, come in!
Town Mouse:	Hello, Cousin. I decided it was time to pay you a visit. So here I am.
Narrator 1:	The country mouse and the town mouse rarely see each other.
Narrator 2:	The town mouse lives far away.



Country Mouse: You must stay for dinner. I will serve my very best food.

Town Mouse: Thank you. I'd be happy to!

- Narrator 1:The country mouse prepares a tasty meal
of seeds, corn, and a bit of cheese. They
drink water from a nearby spring.
- **Narrator 2:** After supper, they sit by the fire and talk.
- Town Mouse:Cousin, how can you be so happy? You
live far away from everything nice. You
eat common food.
- **Country Mouse:** I'm very happy here. I'm never hungry. The animals that live in the field are my friends. Every day is peaceful.
- Town Mouse:You don't know what you're missing! In
town there's music, dancing, and feasting.
Come home with me. I'll show you.



Narrator 1:The country mouse isn't sure if the town
is the best place to be.

Country Mouse: Thank you. Let me sleep on it.

Narrator 2: Both mice go to bed and sleep well in the quiet darkness.

Poem: The City Mouse and the Garden Mouse

Act 2

Narrator 1:	The next morning, the town mouse urges the country mouse to come to town.
Town Mouse:	You must come home with me. You only live once. You might as well enjoy yourself.
Narrator 2:	At last the country mouse agrees. The two mice set out for town. Their journey is peaceful until they reach the edge of town.