

Reading Comprehension: The Hungry Mouse



A very hungry mouse who said,
"I'll do just what I please!"
Snuck into a house one night
And stole a chunk of cheese.



He scampered down the passageway
And thinking that was that,
Was very unprepared to see
The shadow of a cat!



He dropped the cheese
And turned around,
And headed for his hole
And didn't even think about
The big cheese that he stole.

When he was finally safe at home
And telling all the mice
He couldn't help but add some girth to
The abandoned slice.



The kitty, too, became a huge
And formidable beast
To hear the brave mouse tell it
He had nearly been a feast.

His friends, they all believed him,
For they did not know he lied
And so, the not-so-brave mouse
Was allowed to keep his pride!



Answer the following multiple-choice questions by putting a tick mark on the correct option.

1. What kind of thoughts does the hungry mouse have at the beginning of the poem?

- (A) That he is not scared of anyone
- (B) That he will bring the cheese for other mice
- (C) That he will do whatever he wants to

2. What happens when he sees “the shadow of a cat”?

- (A) He gets scared
- (B) He scares the cat away
- (C) He does not care

3. Did the cat catch the mouse?

- (A) Yes
- (B) No

4. What does the word “girth” mean?

- (A) The length of something
- (B) The measurement around the middle of something
- (C) The weight of something

5. What did the mouse tell the other mice?

- (A) That he shooed the cat away
- (B) That the cat was very huge
- (C) That the cat was very tiny
- (D) All of the above