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WORKSHEET – TOWN MOUSE AND COUNTRY MOUSE

Read the story and then answer the following questions.

Now you must know that a Town Mouse once upon a time went on a visit to his cousin in the country. He was rough and ready, this cousin, but he loved his town friend and made him heartily welcome. Beans and bacon, cheese and bread, were all he had to offer, but he offered them freely.

The Town Mouse rather turned up his long nose at this country fare, and said: ‘I cannot understand, Cousin, how you can put up with such poor food as this, but of course you cannot expect anything better in the country; come you with me and I will show you how to live. When you have been in town a week you will wonder how you could ever have stood a country life.’

No sooner said than done: the two mice set off for the town and arrived at the Town Mouse’s residence late at night. ‘You will want some refreshment after our long journey,’ said the polite Town Mouse, and took his friend into the grand dining-room. There they found the remains of a fine feast, and soon the two mice were eating up jellies and cakes and all that was nice.

Suddenly they heard growling and barking. ‘What is that?’ said the Country Mouse.

‘It is only the dogs of the house,’ answered the other.

‘Only!’ said the Country Mouse. ‘I do not like that music at my dinner.’

Just at that moment the door flew open, in came two huge mastiffs, and the two mice had to scamper down and run off.

‘Good-bye, Cousin,’ said the Country Mouse.

‘What! going so soon?’ said the other.

‘Yes,’ he replied; ‘Better beans and bacon in peace than cakes and ale in fear.’

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QUESTION

1. What is the main idea of the first paragraph?
 - a. Town Mouse visit to his cousin in the country.
 - b. The cousin loved his town friend.
 - c. The country mouse welcomed the town mouse.
 - d. The country mouse only had beans and bacon, cheese and bread.
2. What did the country mouse have a lot of to eat?
 - a. Jellies and cakes and all that's nice
 - b. Beans, bacon, cheese and bread
 - c. Vegetables from the garden
 - d. All types of foods
3. What can you conclude from the visit to the town? Select the statement(s).
 - a. The town is bigger than the city.
 - b. The town is populated with lots of dogs.
 - c. The country is safer than the town.
 - d. The food in the town is tastier.
 - e. A country mouse cannot live in the town.
 - f. Town mouse is a liar.
 - g. There is more food for the mouse in the town than in the country.
 - h. The country mouse is a coward.
 - i. The town mouse had learnt to deal with dogs.
4. Write “*cause*” or “*effect*” for each pair of sentences below.
 - a. _____ The Country Mouse serves Beans and bacon, cheese and bread.
 - b. _____ The Town turned up his long nose at his meal.
 - c. _____ Two mice were eating up jellies and cakes and all that was nice.
 - d. _____ The two mice found the remains of a fine feast.
 - a. _____ Two huge mastiffs enter the dining room.
 - e. _____ The two mice had to scamper down and run off.
 - f. _____ The Country Mouse returns to his home in the country.
 - g. _____ The two dogs growl and bark at the mice.

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5. Select the words used in the passage that best describes the dining-room

great

grand

roomy

feast-filled

6. What do the two mice have in common?

- a. They love adventure
- b. They love to travel.
- c. They love to eat.
- d. They don't like music

7. How are the two mice different?

- a. By their looks
- b. By what they eat
- c. By their speed
- d. By where they live

8. What does it mean when the author refers to the country mouse as “rough and ready”?

- a. refined
- b. basic
- c. polished
- d. sophisticated

9. What does “turn up his long nose” mean?

- a. To be surprised that something is not as good as it should be.
- b. To refuse to accept something if it is not good enough.
- c. To act as if one is better than another.
- d. To smell something that is not pleasant.

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Answers

1. What is the main idea of the first paragraph? *Town Mouse visit to his cousin in the country.*
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3. What can you conclude from the visit to the town? Select the statement(s).
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 - h. Cause - The Country Mouse serves Beans and bacon, cheese and bread.
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8. What does it mean when the author refers to the country mouse as “rough and ready”?
basic
9. What does “turn up his long nose” means? *To refuse to accept something if it is not good enough.*