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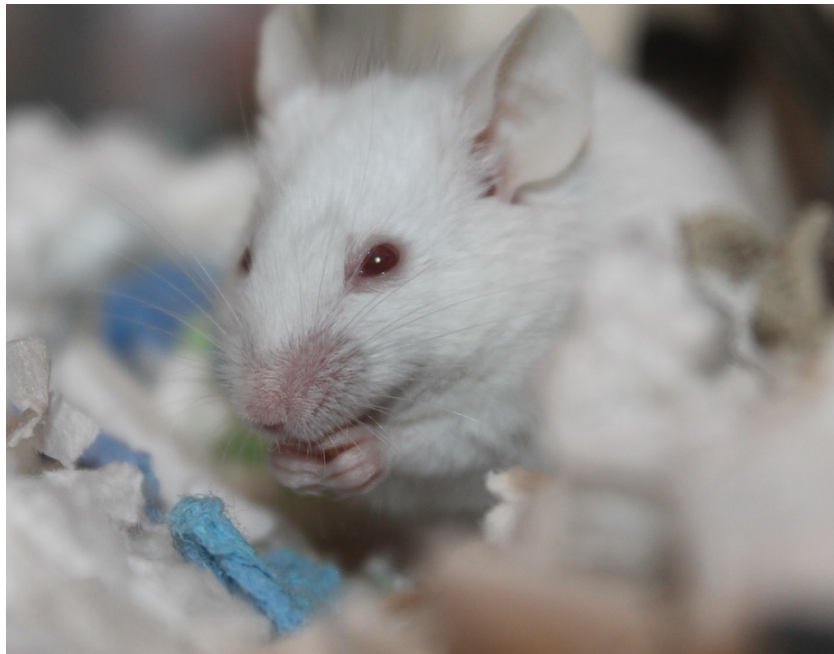
# THE LITTLE MICE

Read the story below. Read aloud then answer the questions that follow.

**Notes for reading:** Preview the text to be read. Before you start reading, ask yourself, what does the author want me to think or feel? Do I agree with the author? While you read pay close attention to the details presented in the text.

## ACTIVITIES:

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### THREE LITTLE MICE

1. I will tell you the story of three little mice,  
If you will keep still and listen to me,  
Who live in a cage that is cozy and nice,  
And are just as cunning as cunning can be.  
They look very wise, with their pretty red eyes,  
That seem just exactly like little round beads;  
They are white as the snow, and stand up in a row  
Whenever we do not attend to their needs;

2. Stand up in a row in a comical way,—  
Now folding their forepaws as if saying, “please;”  
Now rattling the lattice, as much as to say,  
“We shall not stay here without more bread and  
cheese,”  
They are not at all shy, as you’ll find, if you try  
To make them run up in their chamber to bed;  
If they don’t want to go, why, they won’t go—ah! no,  
Though you tap with your finger each queer little  
head.

3. One day as I stood by the side of the cage,  
Through the bars there protruded a funny, round tail;  
Just for mischief I caught it, and soon; in a rage,  
Its owner set up a most pitiful wail.  
He looked in dismay,—there was something to pay,—  
But what was the matter he could not make out;  
What was holding him so, when he wanted to go  
To see what his brothers upstairs were about?

4. But soon from the chamber the others rushed down,  
Impatient to learn what the trouble might be;  
I have not a doubt that each brow wore a frown,  
Only frowns on their brows are not easy to see.  
For a moment they gazed, perplexed and amazed;  
Then began both together to—gnaw off the tail!

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So, quick I released him,—do you think that it pleased him?

And up the small staircase they fled like a gale.

Julia C. R. Dorr.

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### DISCUSSION AND COMPREHENSION QUESTIONS

1. Why do people have pets?
2. Why would a pet owner place their pet in a cage? Explain.

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1. Why did the mice try to gnaw off the tail of the mouse?

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2. What is a *gale*?

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3. What was comical about the mice?

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4. Where do the mice live?

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5. Complete the sentence below.

The eyes of the mice were compared to \_\_\_\_.



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red eyes.



round beads.

6. What was the reasons the mice stand up in a row?

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7. How did the mouse respond when the writer took hold of his tail?

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8. Who is the speaker of this narrative? What in the poem told you this?

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9. What was not easy to see on the mice? Why do you think this?

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10. To whom is the story being told? What in the poem told you this?

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