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Each reader's part is highlighted in color.

### List of Characters

(in order of appearance)

Group 1: Green

Group 2: Blue

Group 3: Orange

City Mouse: Purple

Country Mouse: Light Blue

All: Red

Old Woman: Brown

When the characters speak in unison,  
it is noted as **All**.



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**Group 1:** Once upon a time, a city mouse went to visit his cousin, who lived in the country.

**Group 2:** The country mouse lived in a little hole in the ground. He was happy in his home.

**Group 3:** When the city mouse arrived in the country, his cousin gave him some seeds and nuts to eat.



**City Mouse:** Seeds and nuts! Is that all you have to eat? Come with me to the city! You will eat many different kinds of food!

**Group 1:** So the country mouse followed his cousin back to the city.

**Group 2:** He wanted to see how the city mouse lived.





**Group 3:** The city mouse did not live in a hole in the ground. He lived in a hole inside a very big house.

**Country Mouse:** My, my! You live in a big house! It is very fine indeed!



**City Mouse:** That isn't all. Look at what I have to eat!

**Group 3:** The country mouse looked at a big table in the kitchen. And what did he see?

**All:** Oh, my! Cake and cookies!



**Country Mouse:** How delicious!

**Group 2:** And the two cousins ran up the table to eat.

**Country Mouse:** Mmm, this is good!  
We don't have food like this  
in the country!

**Group 3:** Just then an old woman came into  
the kitchen. She chased the mice  
with a broom.





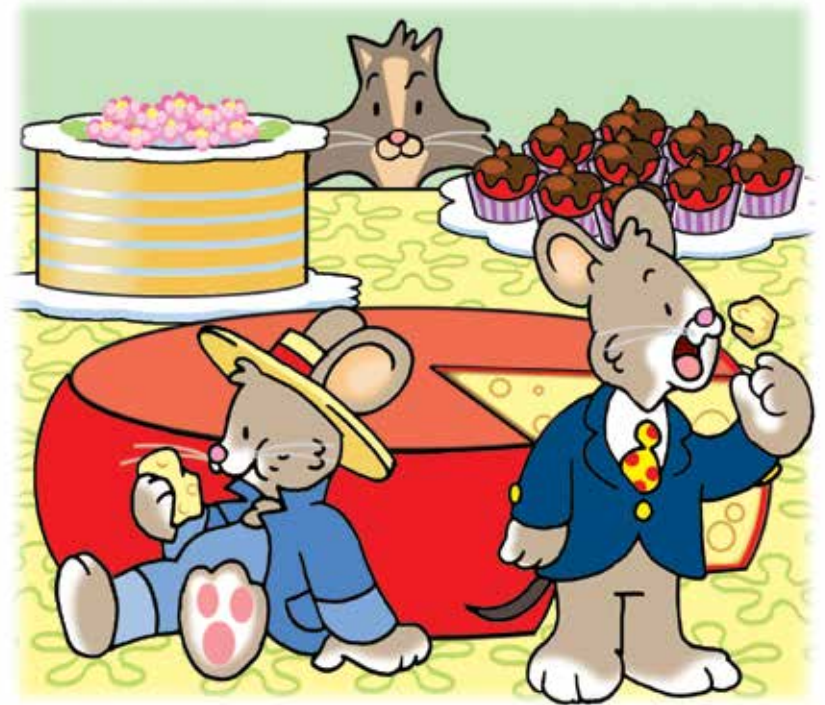


**Old Woman:** Shoo, shoo, shoo! Go away, you bad mice.

**Group 1:** Down the table ran the city mouse and the country mouse.

**Group 2:** Back they ran into the city mouse's hole.

**Country Mouse:** What was that?  
It really scared me!



**City Mouse:** That was the cook. Be sure she doesn't see you. She will hit you with her broom.

**Group 1:** When the cook went away, the city mouse and country mouse climbed onto the table again.

**Group 2:** This time they ate some cheese.

**Country Mouse:** Mmm! We don't have cheese this good in the country!

**All:** Watch out, City Mouse and Country Mouse! Here comes a cat!

**Group 1:** Suddenly a cat came into the kitchen and jumped onto the table.

**Group 2:** The city mouse and country mouse ran as fast as they could back into the city mouse's hole.

**Country Mouse:** What was that?

**City Mouse:** That was the cat! Watch out. If he catches you, your life will be over!

**Group 1:** The country mouse waited until the cat was gone.

**Group 2:** Then he picked up his bag. He said good-bye to the city mouse.





**Group 3:** The city mouse was sad to see his cousin go.

**City Mouse:** But where are you going, Cousin?

**Country Mouse:** I'm going back to the country. It's better to eat seeds and nuts in peace, than eat cakes and cookies and cheese in fear!

