

## THE LION & THE MOUSE

Aesop Fable





### timid

feeling or showing a lack of courage or confidence



## unexpectedly

Did not think it would happen at that time, not expected.





### haste

speed of motion or action: quickness or eagerness that can result in mistakes



### roused

to wake (someone) from sleep



### repay

to do or give something in return for (something)



stalking to follow, watch, and bother (someone) constantly in a way that is frightening, dangerous, etc.



### struggling

to try very hard to do, achieve, or deal with something that is difficult or that causes problems



### gnawed

to make (a hole in something) by chewing



### tangles

to become or cause (something) to become twisted together



### generous

showing kindness and concern for others

A Lion lay asleep in the forest, his great head resting on his paws.

A **timid** little Mouse came upon him **unexpectedly**, and in her **fright** and **haste** to get away, ran across the Lion's nose.

•Roused from his nap, the Lion laid his huge paw angrily on the tiny creature to kill her.

"Spare me!" begged the poor Mouse.

"Please let me go and someday I will surely repay you."

The Lion was much amused to think that a Mouse could ever help him.

But he was **generous** and finally let the Mouse go.

Some days later, while **stalking** his prey in the forest, the Lion was caught in the **tangles** of a hunter's net.

Unable to free himself, he filled the forest with his angry roaring.

The Mouse knew the voice and quickly found the Lion **struggling** in the net.

Running to one of the great ropes that bound him, she **gnawed** it until it split apart, and soon the Lion was free.

"You laughed when I said I would repay you," said the Mouse.

"Now you see that even a Mouse can help a Lion."

### A kindness is never wasted.

A fable is a short story, usually involving two main characters. In this case, the main characters are \_\_\_\_\_ and

In a fable, the character's act like humans in their thoughts, words and actions. There is always a lesson to be learned in a fable.

# Here is another animated version.

Which one do you like better, and why?