

Aesop's

# The Lion & the Mouse

storytime

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sunny



jungle



animals



king



stand







"It's hot and it's sunny this summer's day,"  
deep in the jungle the animals say.  
Here comes the lion, the King of this land.  
He's big and he's strong, and proudly he stands.







# Friends



People who help us  
are always there.  
We may not know it,  
but still they care.

The mouse helps the lion  
escape from the net.  
Now they are friends  
and glad that they met.

*Chorus:* We have friends who are big.  
We have friends who are strong.  
We have friends who are small.  
Bring them along!

*Repeat chorus*

When you meet a person,  
help them—in the end,  
you may find out  
that you've got a new friend.

*Repeat chorus X2*

So everyone here  
can see it is true  
that we need all our friends,  
and that means YOU!



**F Look at the picture and write the answers.**



Yes, he is. /  
No, he isn't.

Yes, she is. /  
No, she isn't.



**0** King Lion is sleeping.

No, he isn't.

**1** Mrs Mouse is swimming.

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**2** King Lion is eating.

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**3** Mrs Mouse is red and blue.

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**4** Mrs Mouse is swimming close to King Lion.

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**5** King Lion is lying down.

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# Activities for the whole story

**G** Look at the pictures and match them to the words in the box.

bite through, come out, count, fall through,  
cry, hang, hear, land, roar

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land

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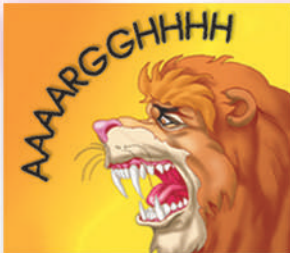
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Stage 1



Stage 2



Stage 3

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