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### **The Lion And The Mouse**

A lion was asleep in his den one day when a playful little mouse ran up his outstretched paw and across his nose awakening him from his nap. As quick as lightening the lion clapped his mighty paw upon the frightened little mouse and roared angrily.

“Please don’t kill me, “squeaked the mouse. “Forgive me this time and I will forget it. One day I may able to do you a good turn to replay your kindness.”

The lion smiled at the mouse, amused by the thought that such a tiny creature could ever be able to help him. So he lifted his paw and let the mouse go.

Later, while the lion was out hunting, he became caught in a net which some men had set to catch him. At once he let out a roar which some men had set to catch him. At once he let out a roar that echoed through the forest. The little mouse heard it, and recognising the voice of the lion that had spared his life, ran to where the king of beats lay tangled in the net of ropes.

“Well, your majesty,” said the mouse. “Oh I know you did not believe me when I said that a day may come when I may repay your kindness but here is my chance.”

At once the little mouse started to nibble through the ropes that bound the lion with his sharp little teeth. Soon the lion was free and able to crawl out of the hunter’s snare.

This fable teaches us that no act of kindness, however small, is ever wasted.

### **Please read the text carefully and use this to answer the questions**

1. What genre is this text ? \_\_\_\_\_

2. What word in the first paragraph means a short sleep ?

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3. Can you highlight the simile in paragraph one? What does it mean ?

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4. Why did the lion think that what the mouse said was funny?

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5. Why did the mouse set the lion free?

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6. Can you think of three adjectives to describe the character of the lion?

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7. Can you think of three adjectives to describe the character of the mouse

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8. Define:

Echo: \_\_\_\_\_

King of the beasts: \_\_\_\_\_

Snare: \_\_\_\_\_

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