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TOWN MOUSE AND COUNTRY MOUSE

A town mouse went to visit his poor cousin in the country. The town mouse was surprised at how hard it was to find food. In the country, they had to search constantly for food.

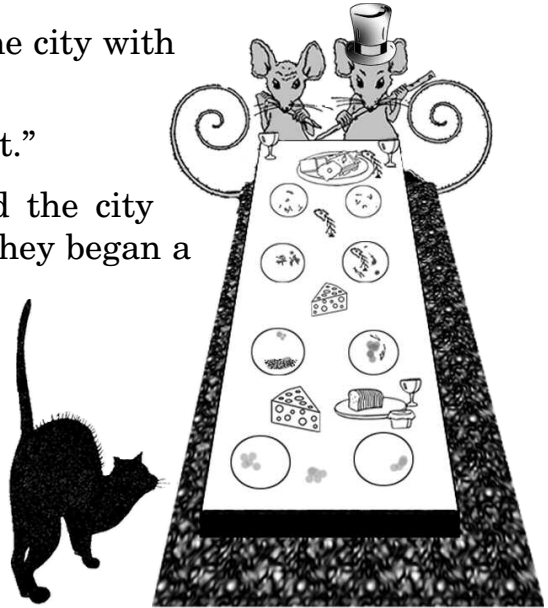
“You must come and enjoy the riches of the city with me!” he told his poor relative.

“There is plenty of food and it’s easy to get.”

They set off together. Soon they reached the city mouse’s home. Now that they were in the city, they began a feast. The food was better than any the country mouse had ever eaten before.

Just as they finished the meal, however, a huge cat burst in on them. They had to flee for their lives.

“Goodbye, cousin,” said the visiting mouse. Then he scampered back to the country.



1. Which sentence from the passage is an opinion?
 - A. Now that they were in the city, they began a feast.
 - B. “Goodbye, cousin,” said the visiting mouse.
 - C. “There is plenty of food, and it’s easy to get.”
 - D. Then he scampered back to the country

2. What is the main idea of this passage?
 - A. Do not believe everything you are told.
 - B. Enjoy what you have.
 - C. Cats have nine lives.
 - D. When the cat’s away, the mice will play.

ANN PLAYS IN THE SPRING CONCERT

Ann wanted to play in the Community Orchestra, but she was nervous. She thought the music might be too difficult. The first day she was so nervous, she could hardly tune the strings of her instrument. The only orchestra she had ever played in was the one at school. After a few rehearsals, she was comfortably playing along with everyone else. She realized that there was no reason to be nervous and began to enjoy herself.

In rehearsals, Ann became friends with Danny, who sat next to her. Danny was always helpful. Ann was not embarrassed to ask him questions about music. Danny's parents were musicians. They had started teaching Danny music when he was only five years old. Ann couldn't imagine playing the violin at that age. Danny told her that many famous musicians and composers started studying music at a very young age.

Another orchestra member who became a friend of Ann's was Marie. Marie played the clarinet. After rehearsal, she would tell Ann funny stories. Marie said that when she played the clarinet at home as a child, it squeaked so much that she got the nickname "Squeaky." That was a long time ago. Now Marie had a beautiful tone on the clarinet. Sometimes, just to make Ann laugh, Marie would make her clarinet squeak. Even though Marie was much older than Ann, the two became good friends.

The orchestra was rehearsing music for the spring concert. Ann liked all the composers, but Mozart was her favorite. Some of her friends at school didn't understand why she liked Mozart. They promised to come to the spring concert anyway. Ann's family also was planning to attend the concert. They were not familiar with any of these composers either. Ann looked forward to the event, and she hoped it would not rain on the night of the concert.

On the night of the spring concert, Ann was excited. She had never played for such a large audience before. Danny and Marie both told her that the spring concert is always fun. Ann knew that she would enjoy it. The conductor, who usually seemed quite calm, was nervous. Ann was surprised because she knew that he had been in big concerts all over the world for at least 40 years. After the concert was over, the conductor seemed pleased. He praised the members of the orchestra for their fine performance.

1. Which **BEST** describes Ann at the beginning of the passage?
 - A. eager to make new friends
 - B. afraid she will mess up
 - C. excited to try new things
 - D. uninterested in playing

2. Compared to Marie, Ann is
 - A. bigger.
 - B. faster.
 - C. wiser.
 - D. younger.

3. Which word describes Marie?
 - A. gloomy
 - B. silly
 - C. naughty
 - D. thrifty

4. What might explain why Ann didn't want it to rain?
 - A. Ann couldn't walk to the concert in the rain.
 - B. The concert was about springtime.
 - C. Ann's friends didn't like the rain.
 - D. The concert was going to be held outside.

5. Which word from the passage is a compound word?
 - A. orchestra
 - B. rehearsal
 - C. conductor
 - D. nickname

6. Why were Ann's friends most likely going to the concert?
 - A. Her friends enjoyed this type of music.
 - B. They wanted to show her that they care.
 - C. Her friends wanted to learn to play.
 - D. They wanted to make new friends.

7. Which **BEST** describes the way that Ann felt on the night of the concert?
- A. She was happy that the concert would be over soon.
 - B. She was sad because she would miss her new friends.
 - C. She was excited to be playing for so many people.
 - D. She was tired after many long hours of practicing.
8. What will most likely happen later in the passage?
- A. Ann will play in many more concerts.
 - B. Ann and Danny will stop being friends.
 - C. Ann will decide to become a conductor.
 - D. Ann and Marie will start their own band.

