

## Story 2

### Mice

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Just then the other mice saw that the cats were coming home. The cats were very hungry because they couldn't find anything to eat. The mice called, "Let's go! The cats are coming!" The gold mouse didn't listen to his friends. He kept looking at himself in the mirror, and he liked his new gold color.

The cats came in, and they easily caught and ate the gold mouse. The cats said, "We were looking for mice all day, and when we came home we found a mouse waiting for us."

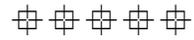
**Lesson:** Listen to your family and friends, and follow their suggestions. If you don't listen to them, you may run into trouble just like the gold mouse.

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SHEEKADA LABAAD  
JIIR (DOOLLI)

Beri baa waxaa jiray Jiir badan (Doolli). Maalin maalmaha ka mid ah ayey isa soo raacey markaas ayey yimaadeen guri Bisado (Mukulaalo) leeyihiin oo aad u qurux badan, ayna yaalaan bootaro (Boolbaro) midabo badan leh. Mid ka mid ah Jiirkii ayaa marsadey midab dahabi ah, dabadeedna wuxuu isku eegay (fiiriyey) muraayad guriga u dhextiil Bisadaha. Jiirkii aad ayuu isula dhacay oo isku maleeyey in uu dahab ka kooban yahay. Jiirkii kale ayaa arkay Bisadihii oo soo socda, oo intay ugaadhsi tageen soo hungoobay.

Jiirkii badnaa waxay u digeen saaxiibkood oo ay ku yidhaahdeen, "waar inaga keen meesha Bisadihii waa kuwane." Jiirkii wuu is dhaga tiray oo wuxuu sii watey ciyaartii iyo bood boodkii. Bisadihii ayaa u soo galey isaga oo muraayadii isku daawanaya. Si dhib yar inta ay u qabteen ayey cuneen. Waxayna yidhaahdeen ma maanta ayuu Jiir gurigii noogu soo galey, annaguna duurka ayaan ka raadinaynay wakhti dheer. Jiirkii saaxiibadii talada ka qaadan

waayey halkaas ayuu ku dhintay. Maahmaah Soomaliyeed ayaa tidhaa, “talo walaalkii diide, turunturo ma waayo.”



*Dulucda sheekada:*

*Haddii aad dhegaysato ehelkaaga iyo saaxiibadaa, waxa aad ka nabad gali kartaa dhibaatooyin fara badan.*

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A Play

**Time:** A long time ago

**Setting:** In the house belonging to some cats

**Characters:**

Narrator

Mouse 1

Cat 1

Mouse 2

Cat 2

Mouse 3

Cat 3

**Narrator:** A long time ago some cats lived together in a beautiful house.

**Cat 1:** I'm hungry. Let's go out to look for some food.

**Cat 2:** Good idea! A nice juicy mouse sounds good to me. Let's go.

**Cat 3:** Sure, I'm starving! My mouth is watering, just thinking about it.

**Narrator:** The cats leave the house. Some mice are hiding nearby.

**Mouse 1:** Look, the cats are leaving.

**Mouse 2:** Did they see us?

**Mouse 3:** No, they didn't even look in this direction. Let's go inside and check their house out.

**Mouse 1:** We'll be safe as long as they're out.

**Mouse 2:** Even if they return early, they'll be so full from their catch that they won't want to eat us.

**Narrator:** The mice go into the cat's house to look around.

**Mouse 1:** Wow! Look at all that fruit. It looks great. I wonder if cats eat cheese?

**Mouse 2:** Don't be silly. Of course they don't. Cats eat us, not cheese. We better not stay too long.

**Mouse 3:** Look what I found! I found some beautiful make-up. Now which one will I try on? Look at this gold color. I just love it.

**Narrator:** The mouse covers himself in gold. He then looks in the mirror to see himself. He likes the

way he looks so much that he forgets that he is a real mouse.

**Mouse 1:** Look, the cats are coming back!

**Mouse 2:** Quick, run fast! The cats are back! Let's get out of here!

**Narrator:** But the third mouse kept looking at himself in the mirror.

**Mouse 3:** Oh! I look so wonderful. I am the most beautiful mouse in the whole world. I am the best mouse of all time, the only gold mouse.

**Mouse 1 and Mouse 2:**

Hurry, hurry! Let's get out before it's too late!

**Cat 1:** Home at last! I'm so hungry.

**Cat 2:** Me too! We didn't find even one mouse.

**Cat 3:** Hey! Look what I see. I think I see a mouse waiting for us!

**Mouse 3:** Hi, cats. I am a golden mouse. Aren't I wonderful?

**Cat 1:** Yes you are! Come guys! Let's get him.

**Narrator:** The cats chase the golden mouse around the room. In a couple of minutes they catch him and eat him.

**Cat 2:** He was delicious!

**Cat 3:** We were looking for mice all day, and we found none. But when we came home, we found one waiting for us.

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#### New Vocabulary

different  
find/found  
gold  
hungry  
hunting  
make-up  
mirror  
mouse/ mice

#### Background Vocabulary

predator  
prey

### Suggested Background Information, Activities and Questions

#### Before Reading

1. Discuss natural predators and their prey.
2. Some questions:  
How can a cat catch a really fast mouse?  
How can a mouse escape from a cat?  
What are you afraid of that is bigger than you? Why?  
What are you afraid of that is smaller than you? Why?

#### After Reading

1. What can we learn from this story?
2. Sequence story (see sequencing exercise).
3. Read and discuss The City Mouse and The Country Mouse. How are the two stories similar and different?
4. Read and discuss The Three Bears.  
How are the three bears like the cats in this story?

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Cloz activity

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coming	gold	looked	thought
eat	gold	make-up	waiting

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Sequencing activity

Number the sentences in the order they appear in the story.

- \_\_\_\_\_ One mouse found gold make-up.
- \_\_\_\_\_ The cats ate the gold mouse
- \_\_\_\_\_ The cats go for a walk.
- \_\_\_\_\_ The cats come home.
- \_\_\_\_\_ The mice go into the cats' house.
- \_\_\_\_\_ The mouse looked in the mirror.
- \_\_\_\_\_ The mouse puts gold make-up on his face
- \_\_\_\_\_ The mice run away, but the gold mouse stays.
- \_\_\_\_\_ The gold mouse liked his gold face.

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  7   The cats come home.

  2   The mice go into the cats' house.

  5   The mouse looked in the mirror.

  4   The mouse puts gold make-up on his face

  8   The mice run away, but the gold mouse stays.

  6   The gold mouse liked his gold face.