

Story 3

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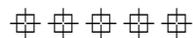
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Lesson: Don't trust someone you really don't know.

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SHEEKADA SADDEXAAD
BISAD IYO JIIR

Bari baa waxaa wada safray Bisad iyo Jiir (Dooli). Waxay ku heshiiyeen in ay iska sii weheshadaan jidka intay ku jiraan. Intii jidka la sii socday ayaa Bisadii hadba miliqsataa oo miciyahana isku listaa, had iyo jeerna eegtaa xaga jiirka inta indhaha galka ka soo saarto.

Jiirkii intuu ka yaabey bisadii iyo sifaalaheedii ayuu u yeedhay, markaas ayuu ku yidhi, "Bisadeey indhaha aan arkayo safar kuma wada geli karro, ee midkeenba dhinac ha u safro." Markaas ayey Bisaddii tidhi, "Maxaa dhacay oo aad igu qoonsatay?" Anigu markaan arko jiir ayaan hamaahsadaa (halaqood) inta farxadu iga badato Jiirkii intuu geedo dhexdood ka dusey ayuu yidhi, "Isma raaci karno, wehelna kaama dhiganayo ee waxaad weheshato raadso."



Dulucda sheekada:

*Ha isku dayin in aad walaal ka dhigato qof aanad aqoon u
lahayn. Soomaalidu waaxay tidhaa , cadow ciirsimaad
maleh.*

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A Play

Time: A long time ago
Place: On a country road in Somalia
Characters:

Narrator
The Cat
The Mouse

Narrator: A long time ago, a cat and a mouse agreed to travel together.

Cat: Let's walk together. The two of us will be much safer than each one of us walking alone.

Mouse: Sure, that's a good idea. Two are safer than one.

Narrator: The cat's mouth began to water because she was hungry. She couldn't help staring at the mouse. The cat's eyes got bigger and bigger.

Mouse: Why are you staring at me?

Cat: Oh, I'm sorry, I just can't help myself. (yawns and licks his lips)

Mouse: Please stop staring at me. It makes me nervous. I'm scared of you when you keep looking at me in that way. Stop it now!

Cat: I just can't stop. I'm sorry.

Mouse: Then travel by yourself today.

Cat: What did I do wrong? Whenever I see a mouse, I always yawn and my mouth waters.

Mouse: Well, I can see that traveling with two may be safer for you, but not for me.

Narrator: The mouse turns around and leaves the cat.

Cat: (saying to himself) Now, I wonder what got that mouse so upset?

Mouse: (Saying to herself) That cat must be crazy to think I didn't know why his mouth was watering! Let him find something else to eat!

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New Vocabulary

agree
hungry
mouth waters
stare
surprised
travel
yawn

Suggested Background Information,
Activities and Questions

Before Reading

1. How are cats different from mice ?
2. What do cats and mice eat ?
3. Why are mice scared of cats ?
4. Discuss predators and prey.
Make a list of predators and prey.

After Reading

1. What is the main idea in this story?
2. What lesson did you learn?
3. Can you retell the story in order (sequence)?
4. Can you tell why the gold mouse got caught? (cause and effect)
5. How would you feel if you were the mouse? (prediction)
6. Do the cloz exercise.
7. Dramatize the story. Use stick puppets and props (mirror, gold crayon or marker, etc.)

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Cloz Activity

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Sequencing activity

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