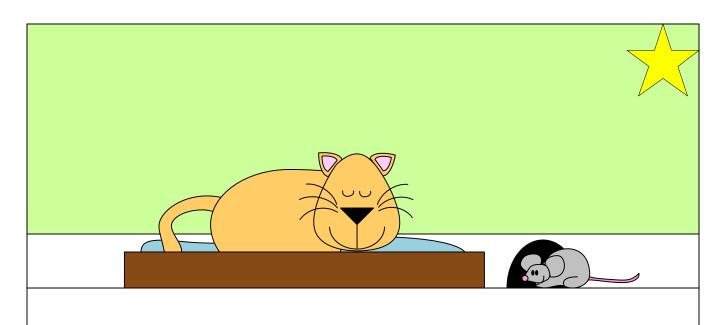


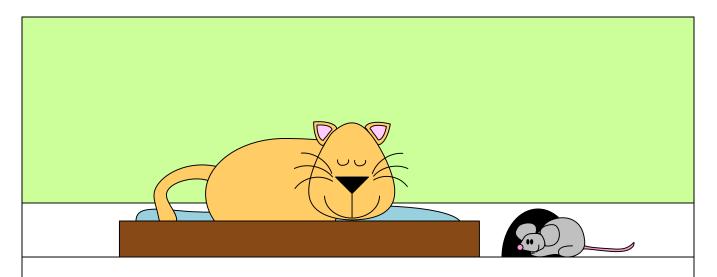
## Let's Play, Jed

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Jed the cat is in his box. "He is in his box," said the mouse. "He likes to nap a

lot. He does not want to play. I want to play. I like to play with him."

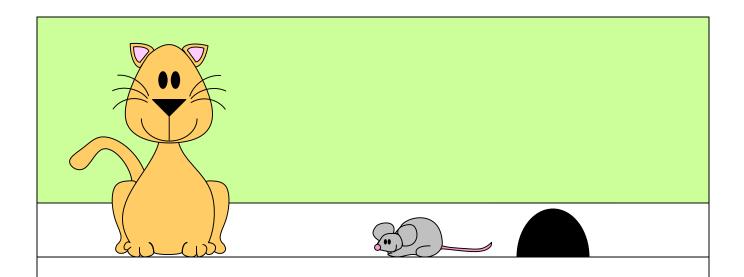
"Play with me, Jed!" said the mouse. "I will run from you. I will run fast."

Jed was still in the box. So the mouse bit Jed.

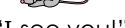
"You can't catch me," said the mouse. The mouse ran and hid from Jed.

What will Jed do?

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"Here I am, Jed," said the mouse.



"There you are," said Jed. "I see you!"

Jed got up from his box. He did want to play.

"I will play with you," said Jed to the mouse. "I want

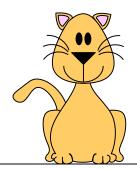
to play. I will look for you. Where are you, little

mouse? I will look for you."

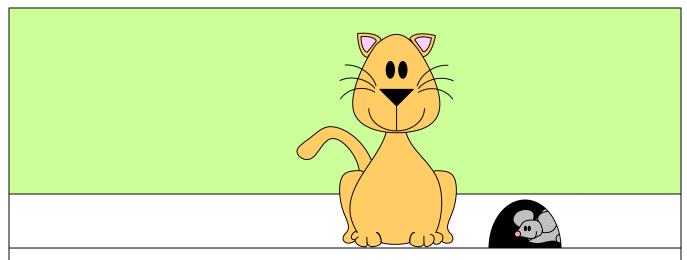


Jed did not see the mouse.





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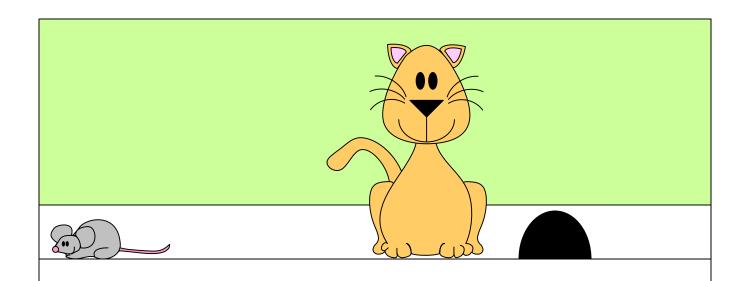
Jed ran to jump on the mouse, but he did not catch

the mouse. The mouse was little, but he was very fast.



"You can't catch me," said the mouse with a grin.



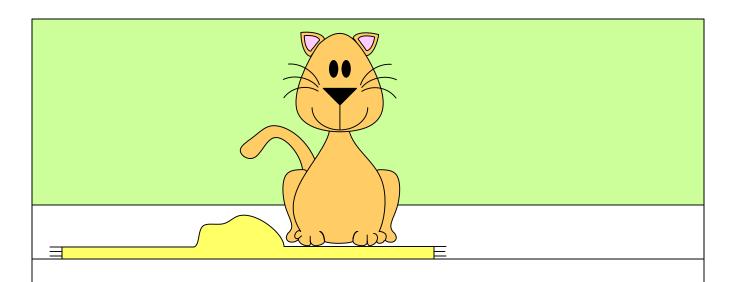


The mouse ran fast. He hid from Jed.



What will Jed do?

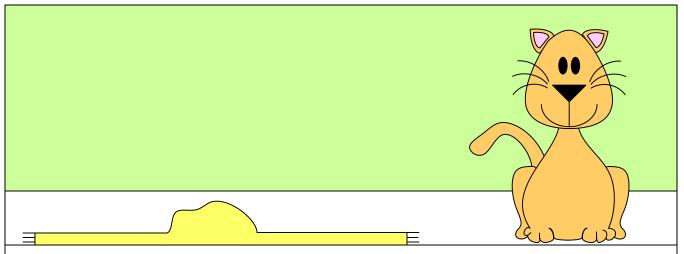
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"Here I am, Jed," said the mouse.



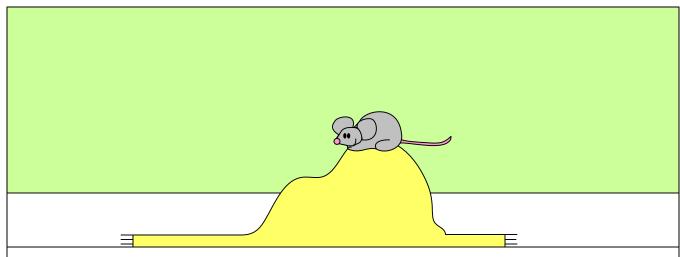
"There you are." said Jed. "I will jump on you."



"I will look for you," said Jed.

"I see the rug, but I do not see you," he said to the mouse. "Little mouse, where are you?"

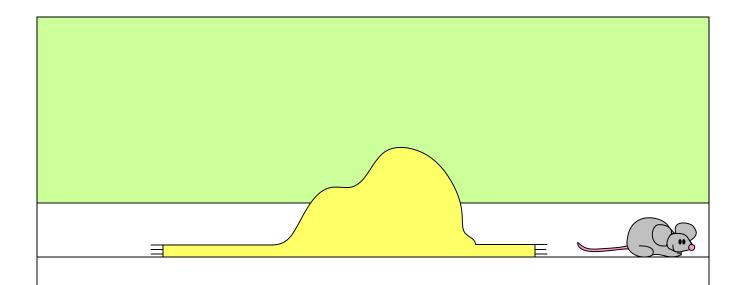
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But Jed was not fast. He did not jump on the

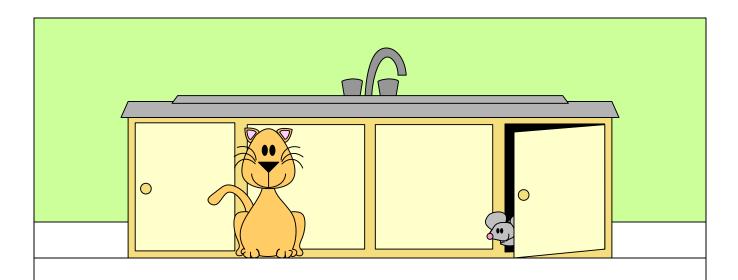
mouse. The mouse was on top of Jed!

"You must be very fast to catch me!" said the mouse.



So, the mouse ran very fast and hid from the cat.

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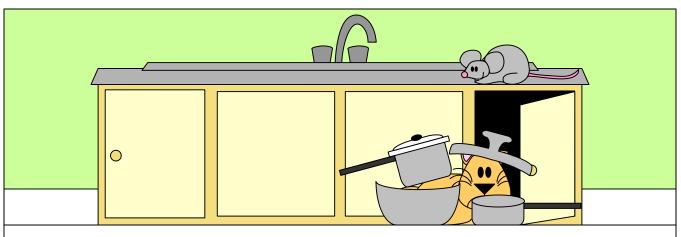


So, the mouse said, "Here I am. I am in here."

Will Jed jump on the mouse?

I will look for you, little mouse," said Jed. "You are just a little mouse, and I am a big cat. Where are you? I want to stop you. I want to catch you."

But Jed did not see the mouse.



No, Jed did not jump on the mouse.

"I am on top," said the mouse with a grin. "I like it up here."

"I do not like it here," said Jed. "I do not like this stuff on top

of me!"

"You can't catch me," said the mouse. "No, you

will not catch me!"

"I will catch you," said Jed. "You are just a little

mouse."

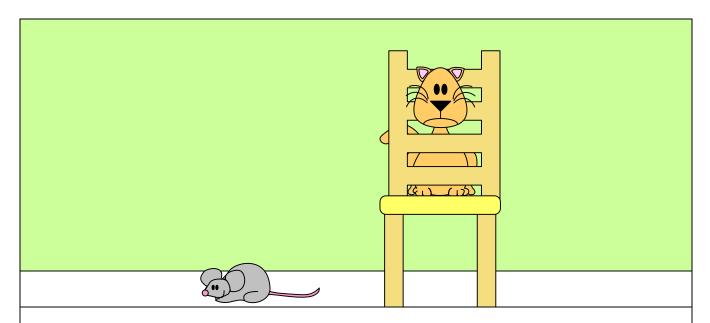


But the mouse ran very fast. He hid from Jed.

"Here I come," said Jed to the mouse. "I will

come look for you."





No, Jed did not stop the mouse. Jed got stuck on top of

the chair! "You can't catch me," said the mouse.



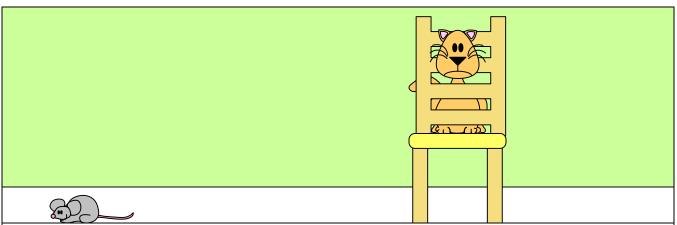
"Here I am, Jed," said the mouse. "I am on top of the chair. Look up here."

"I see you," said Jed. "There you are! I see you on top of the chair. I will jump up on the chair."

Will Jed jump up on the chair? Will he stop

the mouse?

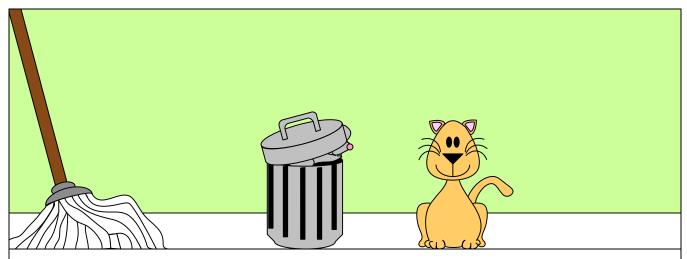




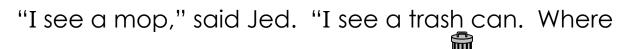
"I will catch you," said Jed. "I will look for you, and I will catch you. I am a big cat. You are just a little mouse."

"No, you will not catch me," said the little mouse.

And off he ran.



Jed got off the chair. He ran to look for the mouse.



are you, little mouse? I do not see you."

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Jed did jump up, but he did not catch the little mouse.

"You are in the trash can," said the little mouse with a grin. "I am on top."

"I do not like it in here in the trash can," said Jed.

"You will not catch me," said the mouse. "I am not big, but I am very fast." And off he ran.

"I can catch you, little mouse," said Jed. "I will catch you. I will!"



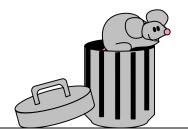
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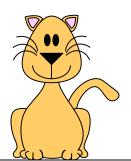
the trash can. I am up here."

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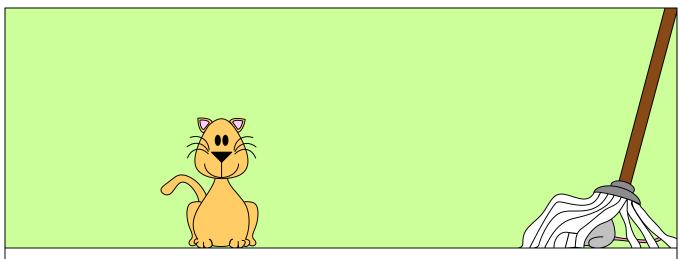
you. I will jump on the trash can."

Will Jed catch the little mouse?





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So, Jed ran to look for the mouse. "I see a mop, but I do

not see you, little mouse," said Jed.

"Where are you, little mouse?"



"Here I am, Jed," said the mouse.

"I see you!" said Jed. "I will stop you!"

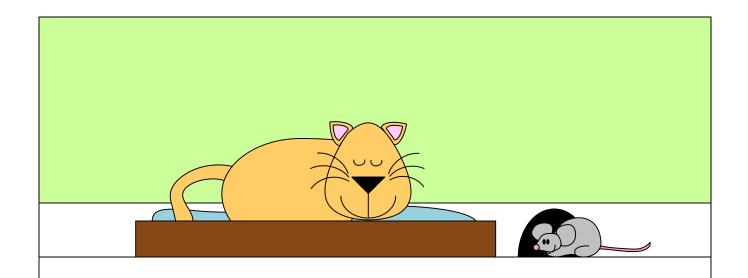
"No, you will not!" said the mouse. "I am fast, and you will not catch me!"

And off he ran.

Will Jed stop the little mouse?







"I like it in my box," said Jed. "I will nap in my box."

"You did not catch me!" said the mouse with a grin!

Jed did not stop the little mouse.

The little mouse was very happy.

"This is fun," said the little mouse. And off he ran.

But Jed did not run.

"I will stop," said Jed. "I will not run and play with

you, little mouse!"



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## **New Words**

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