Appendix B: Story Sentence Strips

The Town Mouse and the Country Mouse is a story about two mice who visit each other.

The town mouse meets his friend, the country mouse, in the country. The country mouse shows the town mouse his home.

He gives the town mouse some food. The town mouse thinks the food is not bad. But he says his home and food are better. The town mouse invites the country mouse to his home in the town.

The two mice go to the town. They go to a big house. The town mouse says it is his home.

There is a lot of food in the kitchen. There are jars of hams, bags of sugar, rice and pasta. They are all delicious. The two mice eat and eat.

All of a sudden, the kitchen door opens and the cook walks in. They get scared, and run to the mouse hole.

After the cook has left, they decide to go downstairs and come into the cellar. The country mouse is surprised by the huge amount of food; wheels of cheese, meat, and barrels of fruit, and more.

Then they hear a noise and see the cat creeping into the kitchen. He tries to catch them, but the mice run into the hole again.

When the cat leaves, they go out of the hole. Then the country sees a piece of cheese in the corner and runs over. When he is about to be stuck in the trap, the town mouse shouts, “STOP! It’s a trap!”

The country mouse thinks life in the town is too dangerous. He decides to go back to the country where it is safe. He says to the town mouse, “Thanks for everything, but I must go now.” Then, he adds, “I would prefer to eat my boring food in peace, than eat delicious food in danger.