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Edition

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Mr Mouse is thinner.

A month passes. Still there is no food.

Mr Mouse is very, very, thin.

'I am very thin,' thinks Mr Mouse. 'I must eat something.'

Mr Mouse goes down the path.

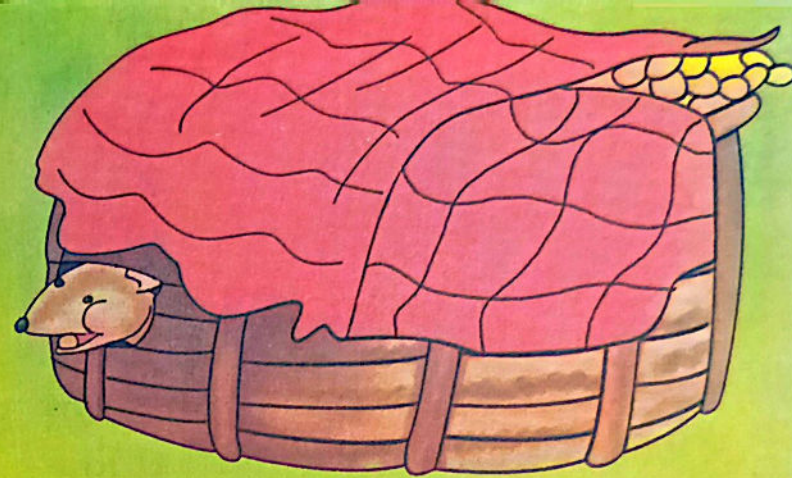
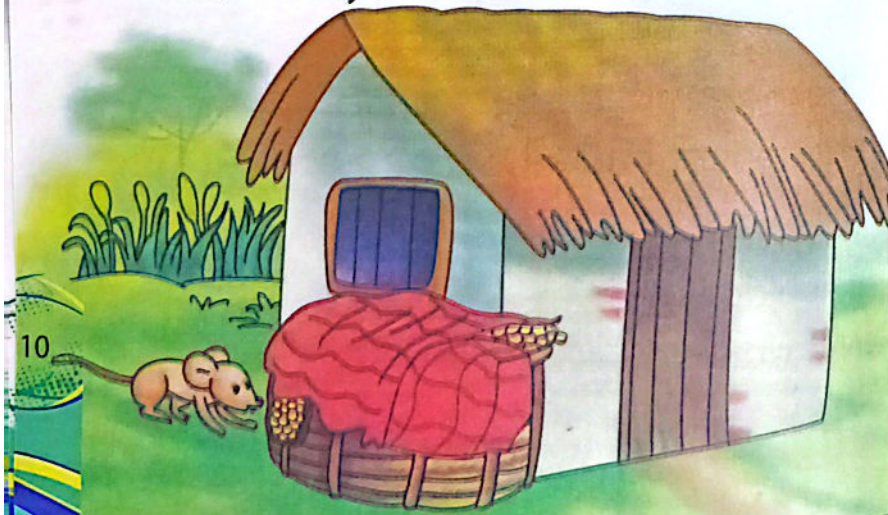
He sees a basket of corn, with a thick cloth on top..

There is a hole in the basket.

Mr Mouse goes in the hole. Mr Mouse is very thin.

Mr Mouse eats the corn. He eats and eats.

'I'm full,' he says.



He does not stop. He eats and eats.

Mr Mouse is not thin now.

'Help!' he shouts. 'I can't get out!'

Mr Rat comes by that way.

Mr Rat says, 'Mr Mouse, get thin. Then You can come out.'

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Exercises

A. Read aloud.

still	stop	spot	spill
best	past	gasp	wasp

Tom's Parrot

Words to learn

parrot	green	Polly	calls
does	again	goes	takes
mango	find	pecks	too

This is Tom.

Tom has a parrot.

The parrot is green.

Can you see Tom's parrot?

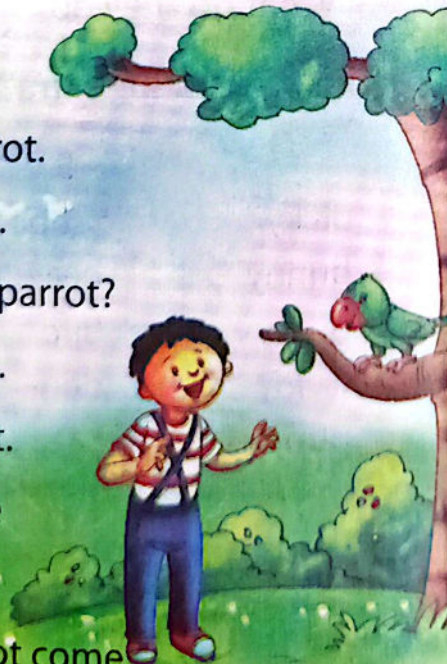
It is sitting in a tree.

Tom calls his parrot.

'Polly! Polly! Come here, Polly!'

The parrot does not come.

Tom calls again.



'Polly! Come here, Polly!' says Tom.

The parrot does not come.

Tom calls again.

'POLLY! COME HERE!' he says.

The parrot DOES NOT come.

Tom goes to his Mum.

'Can I have a mango, Mum?' says Tom.

'Yes, Tom,' says Tom's Mum.

Tom goes to find Polly.

The balloon man turns his back.

He works hard.

The children count: 'one, two, three, four, five...'

Raj, Tara and Suki cannot see what the balloon man is making.

'...six, seven, eight, nine, ten.

Then the balloon man turns.

'Ho! Ho! Ho!' says the balloon man. 'Look at this!'

The balloon man shows them a funny animal! It is red and blue and green.

'You are clever, balloon man!' says Raj.

'Yes, you are very clever!' says Tara.

'Can you make two more?' says Suki.

The balloon man laughs.

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