



## Grade: 8

## Reading Worksheet

## Units: 4/5/6

### Read the following passage, then answer the questions:

Once, there were two little mice. One of the mice was a very hard worker. Every morning, she would go outside and fill her basket with beans and nuts. If she was feeling sick, she would still gather food. The cousin of the hardworking mouse was the opposite. She slept half the day, played and ate her beans and nuts. Soon she **realized** and became aware of the fact that she would not have any food left for the long winter. She went to her hardworking cousin and asked for food. "Why don't you have any food," the hardworking mouse asked. "I've been busy playing and sleeping", the lazy mouse said. "Well, here's a basket, stop being lazy and gather some food for yourself," said the hardworking mouse.

While the lazy mouse was gathering food, she came across a grasshopper playing happily in the fields. "Hey mouse," said the grasshopper. "Come and play with me instead of wasting your time gathering food! "I only have a few days to collect food," said the lazy mouse. "You should be gathering some too." "Oh please," said the grasshopper. "I have plenty of grass, corn and leaves, I'd rather have fun." The lazy mouse said goodbye and continued to gather her own food. A few weeks later, the lazy mouse came across the grasshopper looking very weak and hungry. "You should have thought of winter," said the lazy mouse. Then she went on her way feeling proud and happy.

### A) Choose the correct answer from a, b, c and d:

1. Which of the following is the title for this story?

- a. Having Fun      b- The Lazy Mice  
c- Gathering Food for Winter      d- The Value of Hard Work

2. What is the meaning of the underlined word "realized" ?

- a. went out      b- found out      d- dropped out      c- looked out

### B) Answer the following questions:

3. What made the lazy mouse feel proud and happy at the end of the story?

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4. Why did the grasshopper look very weak?

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