Narrator: This is the story of a town mouse and a country mouse. This is the town mouse.

Town mouse: Hello! I’m Marvin.

Narrator: This is the country mouse.

Country mouse: Hello! I’m Matty. I like the country. I live in a small house in the country.

Narrator: The country mouse and the town mouse are Cousins. One day Matty writes an invitation to his cousin to visit him.

Country mouse: Dear Cousin Marvin, please come and visit me in the country.
Narrator: The town mouse visits the country mouse.

Country mouse: Hello, Marvin! Welcome to the country!

Town mouse: Hello, Cousin Matty. Thank you.

Country mouse: How are you?

Town mouse: I’m fine, thank you. And you?

Country mouse: Fine, thanks.

Town mouse: It’s very quiet!

Country mouse: Listen to the birds sing! Look at the horses and the cows! Have you got horses and cows in the town?

Town mouse: No, we haven’t. It’s very smelly in the country!

Country mouse: But it’s very beautiful!

Narrator: A big fat cat sees them...

Town mouse: Argh! Run! What a fat cat!

Country mouse: We have got cats in the country!

Narrator: The mice run to the mouse hole.

glossary

1 smelly: puzzolente
Narrator: It’s dinner time.

Town mouse: What have you got in your bag?

Country mouse: I’ve got vegetables. Are you hungry?

Town mouse: Yes, I am. But I don’t like vegetables, I’m sorry.

Town mouse: Have you got pizza and chips?

Country mouse: No, I’m sorry. I’ve got some pears.

Town mouse: I don’t like pears.

Narrator: It’s night. The mice sit and look up at the sky.

Country mouse: Look at the stars!

Town mouse: They are beautiful. But it’s very dark in the country!

Narrator: I’m sorry. I don’t like the country.

Narrator: The town mouse is very sad. He returns home.

Town mouse: Thank you for having me.

Goodbye, dear Cousin. Come and visit me in the town!

glossary
1 dark: buio
2 returns home: torna a casa
3 Thank you for having me: Grazie per l’ospitalità
Narrator: One day the country mouse visits the town mouse.
Town mouse: Hello, Cousin Matty! Welcome to the town!

Country mouse: Hello, Cousin Marvin. How are you?
Town mouse: I’m fine, thank you! I’m happy to see you.

Narrator: The mice are on the street.
Town mouse: Look at all the cars and buses! Listen to the motorbikes!
Country mouse: Yes. It’s very noisy.

Narrator: There is smog in the town.
Country mouse: It’s very dirty!
Town mouse: Come on!
**The Town Mouse and the Country Mouse**

**Town mouse:** We’ve got parks in the town! This is a park.

**Country mouse:** You’ve got trees! Children play ball in the park!

**Town mouse:** Yes, they’re very happy!

**Country mouse:** Ouch! I’m not!

**Narrator:** They’ve got skateboards and rollerblades and bikes.

**Country mouse:** Argh! It’s very dangerous!

**Town mouse:** It’s very exciting!

**Narrator:** They arrive at Marvin’s house and sit down on a big table.

**Country mouse:** I’m hungry and thirsty!

**Town mouse:** We’ve got pizza and cola.

**Country mouse:** I’m sorry, I don’t like pizza or cola. Have you got vegetables?

**Town mouse:** No, I’m sorry.

**Narrator:** That evening they look up at the sky.

**Country mouse:** There are no stars in the town!

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**Glossary**

1. Ouch!: Ahia!
2. Dangerous: Pericoloso
**Narrator:** A cat sees them. The cat jumps in the window!

**Country mouse:** Argh!

**Narrator:** The mice run to their hole.

**Town mouse:** We’ve got cats in the country and the town!

**Country mouse:** I don’t like the town.

**Narrator:** The country mouse is sad.

**Country mouse:** Thank you, but I want to go home. Goodnight.

**Town mouse:** Goodnight.

**Narrator:** In the morning the country mouse returns home.

**Town mouse:** Goodbye, Matty. Thank you for coming.

**Country mouse:** Goodbye, dear Cousin. Thank you for having me.

**Narrator:** The country mouse is happy to live in the country and the town mouse is happy to live in the town!

**Town mouse and country mouse:** Ah! Home sweet home!
1 Leggi e completa le frasi scrivendo *is* oppure *are*.

1 The children .......... happy.

2 Town mouse .......... hungry.

3 The mice .......... sad.

4 Country mouse .......... thirsty.

2 Osserva e completa le frasi con la parola corretta.

1 quiet • noisy

It’s very ..........................................

It’s very ..........................................

2 dangerous • exciting

It’s very ..........................................

It’s very ..........................................

3 clean • dirty

It’s very ..........................................

It’s very ..........................................

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3 Leggi e segna l’aggettivo opposto.

1 clean ↔ happy ☐ dirty ☐
2 noisy ↔ quiet ☐ beautiful ☐
3 fat ↔ thin ☐ sad ☐
4 small ↔ dark ☐ big ☐

4 Leggi la descrizione di un gatto di campagna e disegnalalo. Poi osserva, leggi e completa la descrizione di un gatto di città usando le parole fornite.

This country cat has got a big head and a thin body.
It's got a short tail.
It's got small eyes and big ears.

This town cat has got a ................................ head
but a ................................. body.
It’s got ............... eyes and ......................... ears.
It’s got a ......................... tail.

5 Che cosa ti piace? Disegna ☑ = I like oppure ☐ = I don’t like accanto alle parole.

pizza ☑
vegetables ☑
cola ☐
pears ☐
the town ☐
the country ☑
6 Leggi e segna le espressioni sbagliate in queste situazioni.

1. Home sweet home! Welcome! Go away!

2. Please come and visit I'm thirsty Thank you for having me.

3. Goodbye! Hello! Hi!

4. Good morning! Good afternoon! Goodnight!

7 Leggi e disegna gli elementi mancanti.

1. Draw the stars.
2. Draw a pizza.
3. Draw vegetables.
Unisci le due metà delle frasi e poi collegale con i disegni corretti.

1. Town mouse is in the house.
2. The mice are on the bus.
3. Country mouse is on the table.
4. The cat is under the window.

Osserva il disegno e completa usando le parole fornite più di una volta, se è necessario.

1. A mouse is in the cupboard!
2. .......... the pencil case!
3. And .......... the desk!
4. A mouse is ........ the blackboard!
5. And ............ the chair!