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Grade 4 Reading Comprehension Worksheet

Dogs, Cats, and Mice

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Read the passage. Then answer the questions.

Once upon a time, dogs, cats, and mice were friends. Then, one day, the dogs had to go away on a trip. "We have some important papers," they told the cats. "Will you look after them for us?" "Yes," said the cats. "We will keep them safe for you."

When the dogs had gone, the cats said, "We have nowhere to keep the papers. Let's give them to the mice." "Will you look after these papers for us?" the cats asked the mice. "Yes," said the mice. "We'll look after them for you."

Winter came. The mice were cold. They nibbled at the papers and made little nest to keep themselves warm. Then, one day, the dogs came back. "We've come for our papers," they said to the cats. "We had nowhere safe to keep them," said the cats. "We gave them to the mice."

The cats went to the mice. "The dogs are back," they said. "We've come for the papers." When they saw what the mice had done, the cats were very angry. They chased every mouse they saw.

The cats went back to the dogs. "The mice did not look after your papers," they said. "The mice were cold, so they made them into nests." The dogs were very angry with the cats. They chased every cat they saw. From that day on, dogs have chased mice. They have never been friends again!



Answer each question.

1. What did the dogs tell the cats one day? (2)

2. Why did the cats go to the mice? (1)

3. What happens to the mice when the winter comes? (2)

4. What did the cats say when the dogs get back their papers? (1)

5. Why did the cats get angry with the mice? (2)

6. What happened from that day on? (2)

