

Mrs. Frisby and the Rats of Nimh

Grades 4-6

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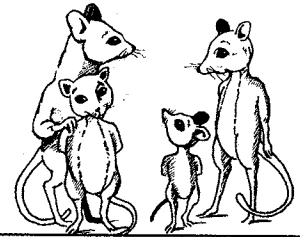


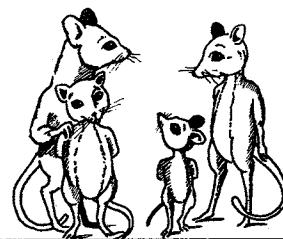
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Expectations

1. To introduce the students to the writings of Robert C. O'Brien.
2. To expand and reinforce students' reading skills.
3. To improve students' vocabulary knowledge and various language skills.
4. To have the students become more aware of good literature.
5. To have the students practice various vocabulary and comprehension skills.

Story Summary

Mrs. Frisby was the widowed mother of four young mice. In early spring her son, Timothy, became very ill. Mr. Ages, a wise old mouse, gave her medicine that would cure him but warned that Timothy must not become chilled or he would die.

Since Mr. Fitzgibbon, in whose garden Mrs. Frisby lived, was getting ready to plow, Mrs. Frisby asked the owl for help. His advice was that she should ask the rats for help.

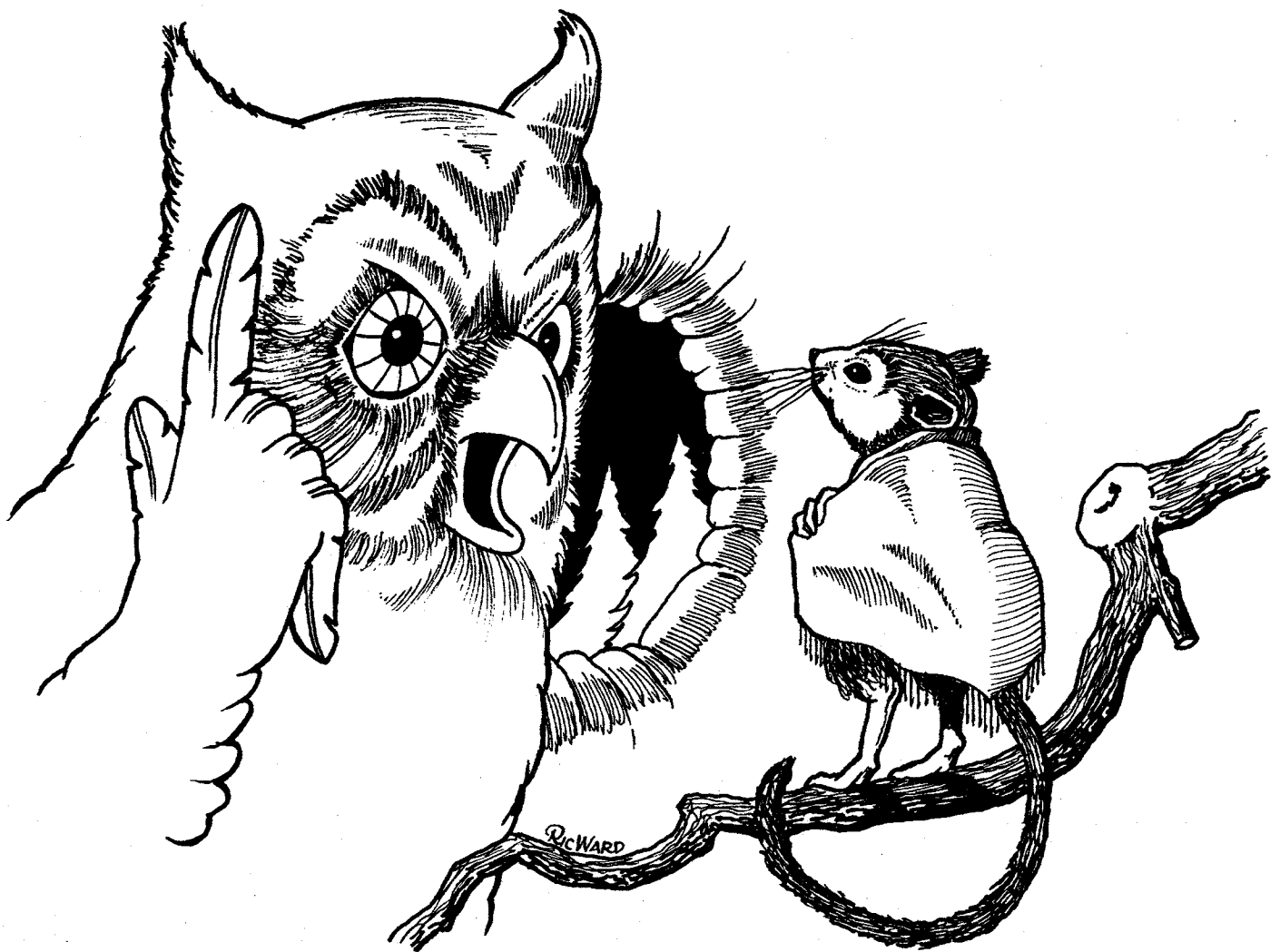
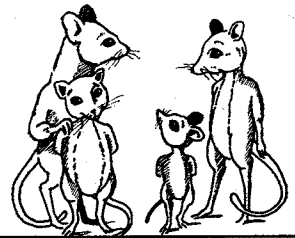
The rats told Mrs. Frisby they would help. They also told her how they were captured, given injections and taught to read; how they escaped and came to live at the farm. Their leader also told her of their plan to move to Thorn Valley where they would create their own civilization.

Mrs. Frisby was captured by Mr. Fitzgibbon's son. While in the house she heard of the impending visit of an exterminator and the interest of the Public Health Service in the rats. The rats rescued her and she told them of their danger. They moved her house that evening and left for Thorn Valley the next day. When she told her children the whole story, they said they would like to visit them some day.



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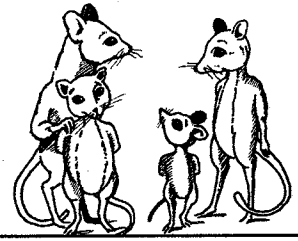


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Chapter One

Vocabulary:

Find the following words in Chapter One. Write down what you think they mean. Then look up the words in the dictionary and write down the correct meaning.

b - as used in book **d** - dictionary definition

oval b- _____

d- _____

furrowed b- _____

d- _____

hypochondriac b- _____

d- _____

abandoned b- _____

d- _____

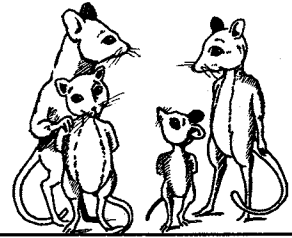
frail b- _____

d- _____



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Questions

1. What does it mean to be "head of the family"?

2. What was the sound that "sent all of the animals in the forest shivering to their hiding places"?

3. Do you think Mrs. Frisby's home was a good place for mice to live?

4. If you were a mouse, would you live in the garden or go to a house? Give reasons for your answer.

5. Why do you think Mrs. Frisby and her family will have to move? Give reasons for your answer.
