

**Task 1: Read the following story (access from Benchmark) and answer the questions. Be sure to scroll all the way down for your second task.**

## **The Town and The Country Mouse**

**1.**Based on the story all of the following statements are true except...

- a. Country Mouse works harder gathering food than Town mouse.
- b. Country Mouse harvested corn for the winter.
- c. Country Mouse will move to the town.
- d. Town Mouse enjoys playing games.

**2.**Which of the following statements is an opinion?

- a. I need to store food for the winter.
- b. The 2 cousins jumped into the can.
- c. There was food fit for a king.
- d. Country Mouse ate everything in sight.

**3.**Which of the following statements is true about the characters in the story?

- a. Country Mouse is lazy, whereas Town Mouse is a hard worker.
- b. Country Mouse is cautious, whereas Town Mouse is careless.
- c. Country Mouse gathers food from garbage cans, whereas Town Mouse harvests his food.
- d. Both cousins want to switch lives.

**4.**Which of the details support the idea that Town Mouse is determined?

- a. I don't have to work for my supper like you do.
- b. He would do anything to prove that the town was a perfect place to live.
- c. It is not as delicious as the food in town.
- d. In town there are many frightful noises.

5. Read the following paragraph from the story.

*“You do have lots of food,” said Town Mouse. “But it is not as delicious as the food in town. My food will knock your socks off. Visit me and I will prove how good it is.”*

What does the idiom, Knock your socks off, mean?

- a. The mice might lose their socks when they jump in the garbage can.
- b. The food tastes horrible.
- c. The food tastes wonderful.
- d. It is important to wear socks in the town.

6. What is the moral of the story?

- a. It is important to prepare for long winters.
- b. Living in fear isn't worth the gains.
- c. Family is important.
- d. Living in the city can be scary.

**Task 2: Choose 1 of the following options.**

**Option 1:** Blackout Poetry. Create a poem by taking some type of text such as a magazine or newspaper and blacking out words until a poem is formed. For more information on this type of poem click on the following link.

[Blackout Poetry](#)

**Option 2:** Haiku Poem. A Haiku is a Japanese poem that includes 3 lines. The first line has 5 syllables, the second line has 7 syllables, and the third line has 5 syllables. The subject of your poem can be anything. Here is an example of a Haiku poem.

### **School is Over**

The class is vacant  
The bright sun is beaming high  
Summertime is here

**Option 3:** Shape Poem. A shape poem is a poem that takes on the shape of the thing you are writing about. Whatever you decide to write about, make sure you can draw it! Here is an example of a shape poem.

"Rain,  
Rain. Go away.  
Come again another day."  
Rain, Rain. Go away! Rain, Rain.  
You make me sad. Rain, Rain. You make  
Me mad. Rain, Rain. You make the roads slick and wet.  
Rain, Rain. You make my hair a big mess. Rain, Rain. You  
tend to make me quite upset. Rain, Rain. I like you less and less.  
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