

The book cover features a vibrant, colorful illustration. In the center is a large, bright yellow wedge of Swiss cheese with several red circular spots. Three mice are depicted around the cheese. At the top left, a light brown mouse with large ears and a long, striped tail is wearing a green dress and has its mouth open as if speaking. At the bottom left, a darker brown mouse with a tuft of hair on its head is wearing a red dress with blue polka dots. At the bottom right, a grey mouse is peeking out from behind the cheese, holding a red balloon. The background is a mix of pink, purple, and blue, with a green grassy area on the left and a dark, curved shape on the right. The title 'A Chunk of Cheese' is written in large, bold, yellow letters with a red outline. The author's name 'by Diane Linden' and the illustrator's name 'illustrated by Diana Schoenbrun' are printed in black text. The publisher's name 'HOUGHTON MIFFLIN' is at the bottom in white text on a green background.

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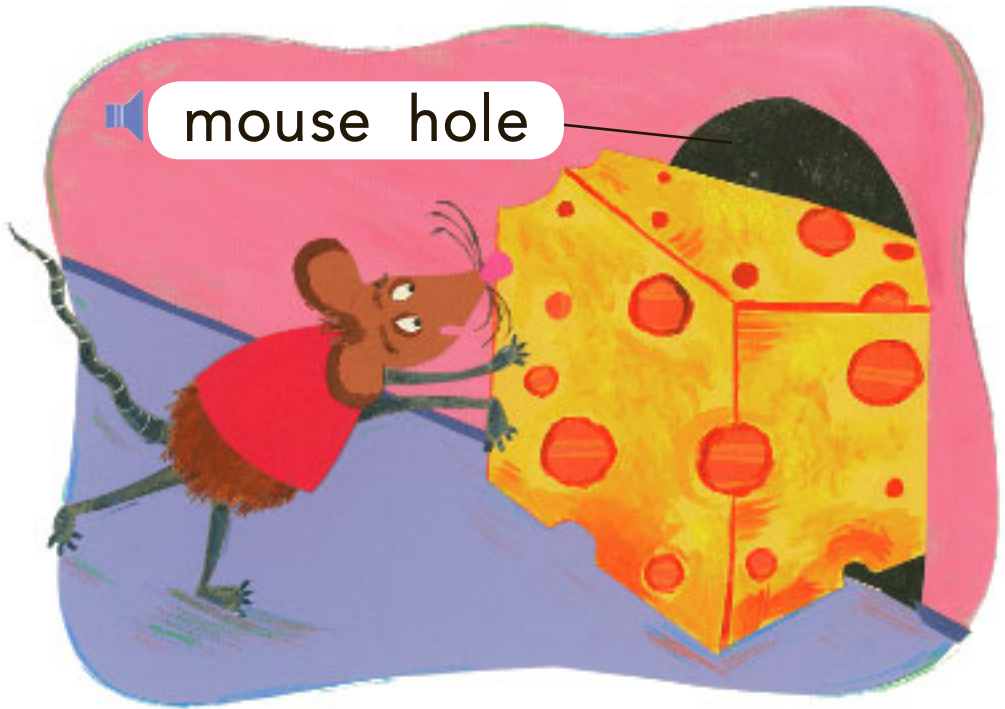
▶ Max saw a huge chunk of cheese.

“Look at all that cheese!”  
said Mama Mouse.



cat

- ▶ “I will push the cheese through the hole,” said Max.
- ▶ “Do it fast!” Mama said. “The cat might wake up.”

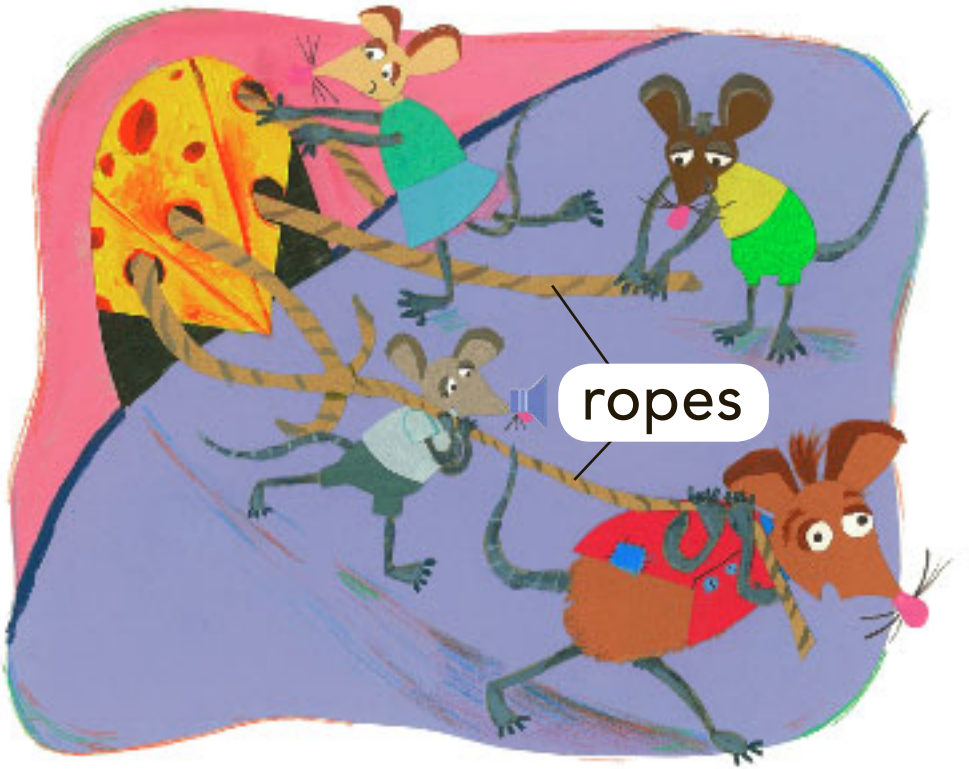


▶ Max pushed the large chunk of cheese.

▶ The cheese got stuck!  
The big cheese did not fit  
in the small mouse hole.



- ▶ Three more mice helped Max push the cheese.
- ▶ They pushed and pushed. The cheese did not move.



🔊 “Let’s try to pull the cheese!” said Gray Mouse.  
“I’ll get the ropes!”

🔊 The mice pulled hard.  
The cheese did not move.



▶ “We can make the hole bigger,” said Max.

▶ “Oh no!” said Mama.

“I don’t want the cat’s paws to fit in our house!”





- ▶ The mice sat and ate some cheese.
- ▶ Mama gave a piece of cheese to Baby Mouse. He went through the hole.



🔊 “That’s it!” said Max.  
“We can move the  
cheese through the hole  
piece by piece!”



- ▶ The mice pushed pieces of cheese into the hole.
- ▶ They pushed the last piece in...just as the cat woke up!

# 🔊 Responding



## **TARGET SKILL** Story Structure

Who is the story about? Where does the story happen? What happens in the story? Make a chart.




## **Talk About It**

**Text to Self** Think of a time when you needed help with a problem. What was the problem? Who helped you? What did you do?



## WORDS TO KNOW

across

ball

cried

head

heard

large

second

should



## TARGET SKILL

### Story Structure

Tell the setting, character, and events in a story.



## TARGET STRATEGY

### Infer/Predict

Use clues to figure out more about story parts.



**GENRE** A **fantasy** is a story that could not happen in real life.

**Level:** F

**DRA:** 10

**Genre:**

Fantasy

**Strategy:**

Infer/Predict

**Skill:**

Story Structure

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