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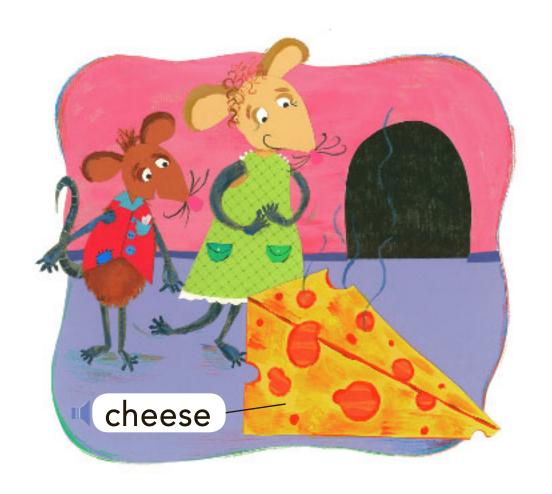illustrated by Diana Schoenbrun

HOUGHTON MIFFLIN BOSTON

cheese

🔊 Max saw a huge
chunk of cheese.
"Look at all that cheese!"
said Mama Mouse.

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cat

🔊 "I will push the cheese
through the hole,"
said Max.

🔊 "Do it fast!" Mama said.
"The cat might wake up."

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mouse hole

🔊 Max pushed the large chunk of cheese.

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

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mice

🔊 Three more mice helped
Max push the cheese.

🔊 They pushed and pushed.
The cheese did not move.

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ropes

🔊 "Let's try to pull the cheese!" said Gray Mouse. "I'll get the ropes!"

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

paws

🔊 "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
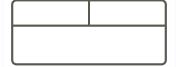cheese through the hole
piece by piece!"

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

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🔊 Responding

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?

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across	heard
ball	large
cried	second
head	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

Word Count: 215

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