

## The Lion and the Mouse (Aesop)

A lion was \_\_\_\_\_ from sleep by a mouse \_\_\_\_\_ over his face. Rising up \_\_\_\_\_, he caught him and was about to kill him, when the mouse \_\_\_\_\_ entreated, saying: "If you would only \_\_\_\_\_ my life, I would be sure to repay your \_\_\_\_\_." The lion laughed and let him go. It happened \_\_\_\_\_ after this that the lion was caught by some \_\_\_\_\_, who bound him by strong \_\_\_\_\_ to the ground. The mouse, recognising his roar, came and \_\_\_\_\_ the rope with his teeth, and set him free, \_\_\_\_\_: "You ridiculed the idea of my ever being \_\_\_\_\_ to help you, not expecting to \_\_\_\_\_ from me any repayment of your \_\_\_\_\_; now you know that it is \_\_\_\_\_ for even a mouse to confer benefits on a lion."

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possible   receive   ropes   running   shortly  
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A lion was awakened from sleep by a mouse running over his face. Rising up angrily, he caught him and was about to kill him, when the mouse piteously entreated, saying: "If you would only spare my life, I would be sure to repay your kindness." The lion laughed and let him go. It happened shortly after this that the lion was caught by some hunters, who bound him by strong ropes to the ground. The mouse, recognising his roar, came and gnawed the rope with his teeth, and set him free, exclaiming: "You ridiculed the idea of my ever being able to help you, not expecting to receive from me any repayment of your favour; now you know that it is possible for even a mouse to confer benefits on a lion."