

Mice In School

Topic: Survival

Curriculum link: English Text type: Comic Reading level: 19 Word count: 255

Vocabulary: basketball hoop, click, darker, footsteps, jumped, morning,

scared, school, slam dunk, squeeze, teacher's, thud

Possible literacy focus

Understanding the conventions of comics.

Reading speech balloons.

Exploring how stories in comics differ from other narratives.

Summary

This book is a comic that tells the story of two mice who escape a cat by hiding in a school.

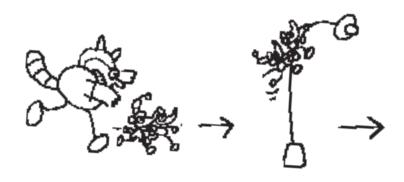
Task Card

Story map

You will need:



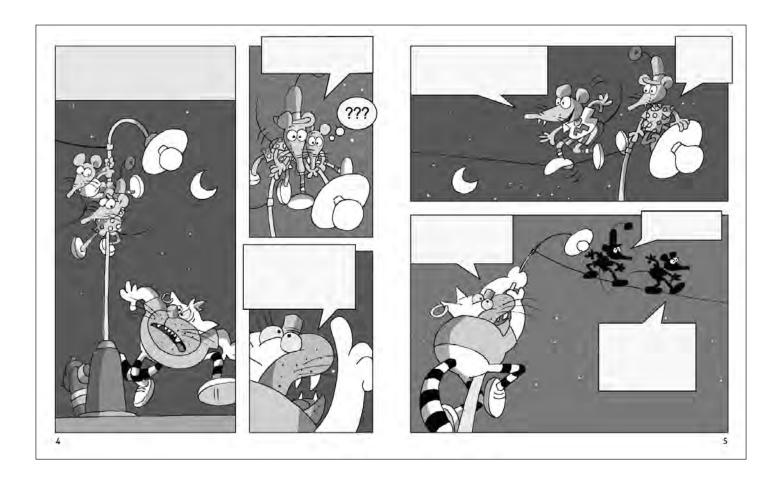
- a large sheet of paper, felt-tip pens, pencils
- 1. Re-tell the story of Mice In School to a friend.
- 2. On a large sheet of paper, draw the main events in the story in a circle around the page.
- 3. Write about each event.
- 4. Display your story map in the classroom.





Comic dialogue

Fill in the boxes and speech bubbles with what you think the narrator, Max and Matilda would be saying or thinking as the cat is chasing them.





Character profiles

Describe the characters in *Mice In School*. Draw a portrait of each character.

Character	Description	Portrait
Max Mouse		
Matilda Mouse		
Pussykins		
Miss Green		