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What can you say about the animals in this picture?





There once lived a king who wanted to marry his daughter, Princess Miriam, to a mighty husband.

"Princess Miriam is the most beautiful and intelligent mouse in the kingdom. I want the best for her!" said King Malcolm.

"I will need the opinion of a wise mouse," he thought as he called wise Marvin, an old mouse, to ask him.

"King Malcolm, how can I help you?" asked Marvin as he entered the room.

"You are a wise mouse. Who do you think the best husband for my daughter is?" the king asked.



Why did King Malcolm call Marvin?

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ACTIVITIES

for pages 10-11



13  Listen and say.



forest



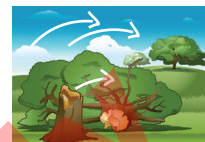
tree



wave arms



mountain



blow down

14   Listen and write the name of the speaker. Then match each number with the correct picture.

1

3

2

4



15  Complete the sentences with the correct words from the boxes.

mountain

tree

blow down

forest

waving his arms

1 The wind is so strong that it can the umbrellas.

2 We went climbing up the last weekend.

3 Look, there he is! He is so we can see him.

4 There is a tall in the park.

5 I like jogging in the and breathing the fresh air.

ACTIVITIES

for pages 12-13



16  Listen and say.



brave



cave



make holes



eat away

17  Look at the sentences and answer with **yes** or **no**.

- 1 Mr Mountain was honoured to marry the princess.
- 2 Mr Wind is mightier than Mr Mountain.
- 3 There was a mouse in the cave.
- 4 The mouse could make holes in the mountain.
- 5 Mr Mountain eats the mouse.

18  Look at the names and the adjectives below and make sentences. There are three examples.

adjectives

names

Mr Sun	mighty
Mr Cloud	strong
Mr Wind	beautiful
Mr Mountain	brave
mouse	wise
	big
	small

Mr Mountain is **stronger than** Mr Wind.

The mouse is **the mightiest** of all.

Mr Cloud is **more intelligent than** Mr Sun.



WORD LIST

beautiful	husband	prince
blow away	intelligent	puff
blow down	journey	river
brave	king	shout
cave	kingdom	sky
celebration	live happily	sun
cloud	look for	sunrise
cover the sun	make holes	top of the cliff
daughter	marry	tree
dig	mighty	valley
eat away	mountain	wave arms
float	mouse	wedding
forest	open arms	wind
greet	powers	wise man

KEY STRUCTURES in this story:

- comparisons
- comparative form of adjectives
- superlative form of adjectives
- geographical features
- marriage/wedding words

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