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Fluency: Use Self-Monitoring Strategies

Practice

- If you choose to use this fluency passage, print this page.
- Read the passage silently to yourself.
- Then read the passage aloud.
- Try these strategies for words you don’t know:
  - Reread.
  - Read on.
  - Slow down.
  - Say the sounds of each letter.
- When you are ready, read the passage aloud to a partner.

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Once, a little mouse was running through the forest. He ran right onto a sleeping lion’s back. The lion woke up with a roar.

“You ruined my nap!” the lion growled. “I’ll have to eat you.” The lion grabbed the little mouse.

“Please don’t eat me,” the mouse squeaked. “Some day I will return your kindness.”

The lion laughed so hard that the little mouse fell out of his paw.
A week later, the lion walked into a hunter’s trap!

The little mouse heard the lion roaring. He ran onto the lion’s back and began to chew the ropes. “Thank you, little mouse,” the lion said. “I’ve learned that little friends can be great friends.”