

## Literacy activity 8.7.20

Today we are going to be reading a short story by Jane Ralphs. You can either read the story on the next page or listen to the story at: <https://soundcloud.com/talkforwriting/mouse/s-rV3emp306CV>

### You should

Listen to or read the story and then talk about what happened at the beginning, middle and end. Then talk about the following comprehension questions:

- What part of the story did you like most?
- What adventures did Mouse go on?
- Where did Mouse go on Tuesday?
- Why was Mouse trapped with the Lego?
- Which adventure was your favourite?
- Did anything surprise you about the story?
- Do you know any other stories about a mouse?

### You could

Draw a picture of one of Mouse's adventures. Think about where he is and what he is doing. On the third page there is a frame for you to use if you want or you could draw your picture on a piece of paper.

## Mouse's Adventures

Once upon a time, there was a boy called Rafa who lived with his Grandma in a big city. Every day, Rafa played football and built Lego but, most of all, he played with Mouse.

Rafa's Grandma gave Mouse to him on the day that he was born and Rafa loved him. Whenever anyone asked Rafa why his friend was just called Mouse, Rafa would smile and say, "Well, he's just so ... mousey!"

On Monday, Rafa woke up, turned over in bed and reached for Mouse, but Mouse wasn't there. "Oh bother!" said Rafa. "He's been on an adventure again." So, Rafa looked here, he looked there, he looked everywhere and, finally, he found him on his bedroom shelf in amongst the Lego models. "What have you been up to?" asked Rafa, picking Mouse up and snuggling his soft ears. "We-e-e-ll," said Mouse, "I was having a lovely time playing in the Lego until I got trapped by an evil robot!"

On Tuesday, Rafa woke up, turned over in bed and reached for Mouse, but Mouse wasn't there. "Oh bother!" said Rafa. "He's been on an adventure again." So, Rafa looked here, he looked there, he looked everywhere and, finally, he found him in the lounge, hanging from the curtain rail. "What have you been up to?" asked Rafa, picking Mouse up and stroking his fluffy tail. "We-e-e-ll," said Mouse, "I was having a lovely time climbing the curtains until I slipped! Lucky I've got a super strong tail!"

On Wednesday, Rafa woke up, turned over in bed and reached for Mouse, but Mouse wasn't there. "Oh bother!" said Rafa. "He's been on an adventure again." So, Rafa looked here, he looked there, he looked everywhere and, finally, he found him in the kitchen cupboard, covered in flour. "What have you been up to?" asked Rafa, picking Mouse up and dusting him down.

"We-e-e-ll," said Mouse, "I was having a lovely time looking for treats until a big, white cloud landed on me!"

On Thursday, Rafa woke up, turned over in bed and reached for Mouse, but Mouse wasn't there. "Oh bother!" said Rafa. "He's been on an adventure again." So, Rafa looked here, he looked there, he looked everywhere and, finally, he found him sitting in the bath. "What have you been up to?" asked Rafa, picking Mouse up and wrapping him in a warm towel.

"We-e-e-ll," said Mouse, "I was having a lovely time sliding in the bath until the shower rained on me!"

On Friday, Rafa woke up with something warm and fluffy and orange cuddled up under his chin. "Good Morning," said Rafa. "No adventures last night?" "We-e-e-ll," said Mouse, "I was having a lovely time diving in the duvet waves until ... I fell fast asleep!"

