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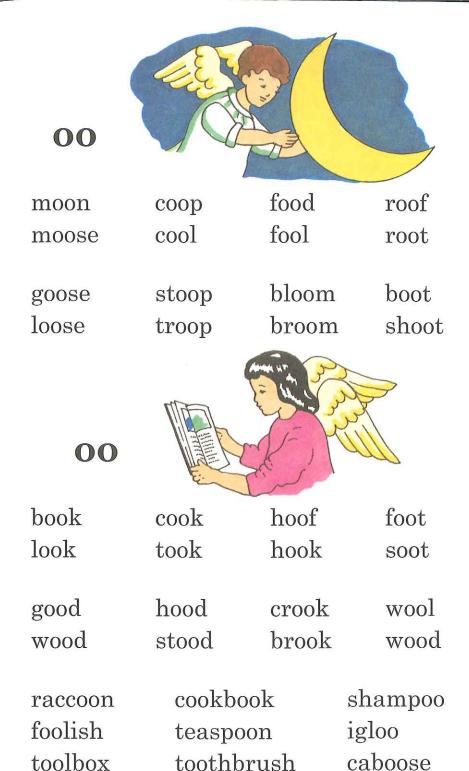
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The Fox and the Rooster (Aesop)

One night the moon was out.

A fox was snooping around
a farmer's chicken coop.

He saw a rooster sitting
on the roof of the chicken coop.

"I am hungry," said the fox.

"But the rooster is out of my reach.

I will trick the rooster."

The fox cried to the rooster, "Hello! I have good news!"

"What is it?" asked the rooster.

"King Lion has just made a new rule. No beast may hurt a bird. We are all friends. Won't you come down off that coop?" said the fox.

"That *is* good!" said the rooster.

"Here comes the farmer's dog.

Let's tell him the good news, too."

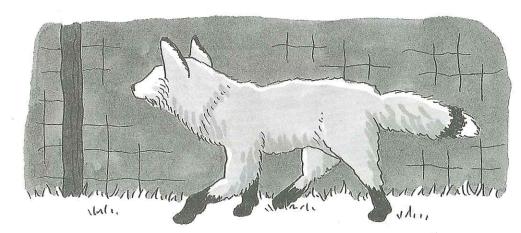
The rooster stood up and looked far off. But the fox turned away from the coop.

"Where are you going?" asked the rooster. "Don't you want to tell the dog that we are friends?"

"No, thanks," said the fox.

"He did not hear the news yet."

And the fox went away hungry,
for he had outsmarted himself.



A Boost for Billy

Billy and his brother Sam were at the zoo. "Here are the bear pits," said Billy. "I want to see the bears."

"Let's get some food first," said Sam.
"It's noon, and I'm hungry."

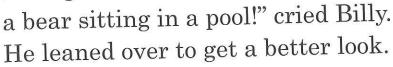
Billy and Sam dashed to a food stand. Soon they had two steaming hot dogs. "Mmm, this tastes good!" said Sam.

"Let's look at the bears while we eat," said Billy. "Here's a spot by the railing. Give me a boost, Sam. I can't see into the bear pit."

"No, Billy!"
said Sam.
"The **sign** says
to KEEP OFF
the railing."

"I'll be careful," said Billy.
"Now give me a boost."

Sam boosted Billy to the top of the railing. "I can see



SPLASH! Billy tumbled over the railing. He fell into the bear's pool. "Billy!" screamed Sam.

"Get the zookeeper!" yelled a man.

The surprised bear scrambled out of the pool. Billy scrambled out, too.

The bear grunted. Then it took a step towards Billy. "Help!" he cried.



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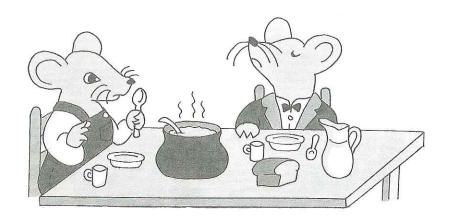
The City Mouse and the Country Mouse

(Aesop)

Once there was young mouse who lived in the country. One day his cousin from the city came to visit.

"I'm glad to see you!" cried the country mouse. "Have a seat. I'll fix dinner."

The city mouse looked around for a soft chair to sit on. But all he could find was a rough wooden chair.



The country mouse scurried around in the kitchen.

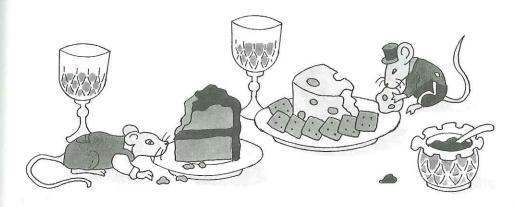
He stirred up some biscuit dough.

He made a pot of ham and bean soup.

He poured some home-made grape juice. Soon the meal was ready.

"Come and eat!" he told his city cousin.

The city mouse turned up his nose at the meal. "Don't you have anything better to eat?" he asked. "Come with me to the city. I will show you the grand life I live. Why, I have a fourcourse meal every night!"



The country mouse agreed to go with his cousin. The two mice set off for the city. They reached the city mouse's home late at night. "Are you hungry?" asked the city mouse.

"YES!" said the country mouse.

"Come into the dining room," said the city mouse.

"What a feast!" cried the country mouse. There on the dining room table was the leftover food from a fine dinner. The two mice gobbled up jellies and cakes. They tasted cheese and wine.



Suddenly a huge dog burst into the room, growling and barking. He snapped at the mice on the table.

"RUN!" shouted the city mouse.
The two mice raced to the mousehole.

"What was that?" asked the country mouse, looking over his shoulder in fear.

"It is only the dog of the house," said the city mouse. "I have to watch out for him all the time."

"That's enough trouble for me," said the country mouse. "I am going home. It's better to have ham and beans in peace than cakes and wine in fear."



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