



(This book is also available as an ebook online at <https://home.oxfordowl.co.uk/> )

Please practice reading the 'green' and 'red' words on page 2. Your child will be familiar with this activity. Read the text, encouraging your child to reread to develop fluency.

Answer the questions to talk about.

## A House for your mouse.

A cage is a good house for a mouse.

Put hay on the floor of the mouse house.

Then fill the mouse house with mouse bedding for the mouse's nest.

Wash out the mouse house weekly.

Scoop out the dirty bedding.

## Feeding your mouse

Your mouse will need a water feeder with a spout and a food bowl.

Feed it on a small amount of mouse food.

You can get this from the pet shop.

It will need fresh water too.

Cheese is bad for your mouse!

## Playing with your mouse.

Let your mouse run up and down your arm.

Let it run around a mouse wheel.

If it runs on the ground do not step on it!

Keep your mouse away from cats.

A cat will pounce on a mouse!

## Keeping your mouse happy.

If the mouse is ill, it must go to the vet.

Be proud of your mouse!

## Questions to talk about

Page 10 How do you make the mouse's nest?

Page 11 What do you have to do every week?

Page 13 Where can you get mouse food?

What sort of water will your mouse need?

Page 15 What might happen if your mouse runs on the ground?

What sort of animal might hurt a mouse?

Page 16 Where must the mouse go if it is ill?

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**Story Green Words** Ask children to read the words first in Fred Talk and then say the word.

hay fill nest scoop spout bowl small  
 cheese down arm step ground pounce  
 ill vet proud mouse cage\* wash\*

Ask children to say the syllables and then read the whole word.

dirty amount

Ask children to read the root first and then the whole word with the suffix.

feed → feeder

**Red Words**

Ask children to practise reading the words across the rows, down the columns and in and out of order clearly and quickly.

|       |       |       |       |
|-------|-------|-------|-------|
| your  | water | small | you   |
| down  | do    | of    | above |
| their | great | call  | any   |
| are   | some  | there | they  |
| was   | what  | into  | want  |

☆ **Speedy Green Words**

Ask children to practise reading the words across the rows, down the columns and in and out of order clearly and quickly.



|       |        |         |         |
|-------|--------|---------|---------|
| house | good   | floor   | bedding |
| out   | weekly | will    | need    |
| food  | pet    | shop    | fresh   |
| bad   | run    | cats    | keep    |
| must  | happy  | playing | feeding |