Story Steps

Listen for the beginning, middle, end, and lesson in The Lion and the Mouse.

1.RL.1.A "Retell familiar stories sequentially and demonstrate an understanding of the story structure, the central message or lesson, and the details."

NAME _____ DATE _____

Teacher: this page is run aloud. The script and answers are on the guide page.

1 STORY ORDER

a	slept	caught	freed
b	slept	caught	freed
c	slept	caught	freed

2 MATCH IT

Lion	•	•	kindness
Mouse	•	•	caught
Lesson	•	•	freed

ANSWER KEY

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GRADE 1 · 1.RL.1.A

HOW TO RUN THIS PAGE

Read this brief fable before the tasks: A lion slept. A mouse ran over him. The lion caught the mouse, then kindly let it go. Later the lion was trapped in a net. The mouse chewed the net and freed him. After marking, hear each learner retell it in order and explain its lesson; support with oral prompts or pictures.

Students never read directions on this sheet. Read each part's script aloud, then each prompt, giving think time before students mark.

PART 1 · STORY ORDER

SAY "Look at the three words in each row. I will read the words, and you will think about the story's beginning, middle, and end."

ROW	SAY	STUDENTS CIRCLE
a	The words are slept, caught, freed. Which word names what Lion did at the beginning of the story?	**slept**
b	The words are slept, caught, freed. Which word names what Lion did when Mouse ran over him?	**caught**
c	The words are slept, caught, freed. Which word names what Mouse did at the end, when Lion was in the net?	**freed**

PART 2 · MATCH IT

SAY "Match the character or lesson to its word. Then retell the story to me: what happened first, next and last? Include how the animals helped each other and tell the lesson. You may point to your marked words to help you remember."

- **Lion** matches **caught**
- **Mouse** matches **freed**
- **Lesson** matches **kindness**

WHAT TO ACCEPT

Part 1: slept, caught, freed. Part 2: Lion/caught, Mouse/freed, Lesson/kindness. Also require the learner's sequential retelling: lion asleep, mouse caught then released, lion trapped, mouse frees him. Accept a lesson about kindness or even a small friend helping, supported by story details. Marks alone are incomplete; support speech or dictation.