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As Quiet as a Mouse



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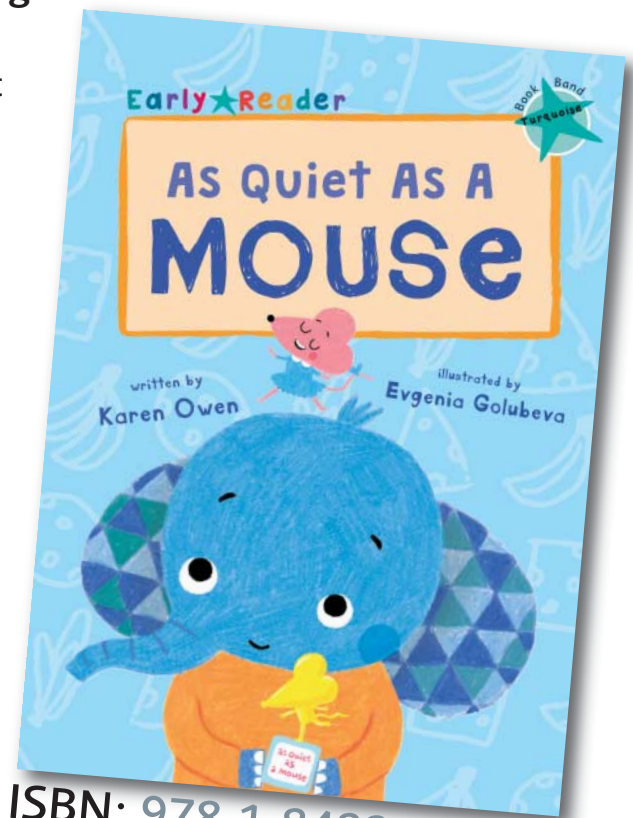
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This learning pack is suitable for teachers using *As Quiet as a Mouse* in the class and parents who want to guide their children's learning.

As Quiet as a Mouse is a funny and sweet story about learning to be considerate of others. It is also about trying your best and the wonderful feeling of achieving something.

This learning pack includes:

- ★ A suggested lesson plan for reading *As Quiet as a Mouse*.
- ★ A detailed list of the language and linguistic features included in the text.
- ★ An activity sheet for children to enjoy after reading *As Quiet as a Mouse*.
- ★ A colouring in sheet.



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Suggested Lesson Plan

Possible Learning Objectives

- ★ To learn about similes
- ★ To better understand onomatopoeia
- ★ To better understand idioms
- ★ To learn more about perseverance and hard work



Possible Lesson Structure

Based on the learning objectives, here is one way you could lead a lesson:

Introduction: Show the book to the children, read the title:

- ★ **Ask:** What does as quiet as a mouse mean?
- ★ **Explain:** This is a story about an elephant who is learning to be quiet like a mouse.
- ★ **Read:** The story and point out Edgar's attempts to be quiet.
- Engage:** Go through the story and ask questions about Edgar:
- ★ **Show:** The difference between Edgar and Ruby.
- ★ **Ask:** Why is it tricky for Edgar to be quiet?
- ★ **Explain:** Edgar is an elephant, who is big and loud. Ruby is a mouse who is small and quiet. Edgar trying to be as quiet as a mouse is an example of a simile. Explain what a simile is.



Take it further:

Go back again and point out instances of:

- ★ Idioms
- ★ Adjectives
- ★ Onomatopoeia

An activity sheet (included in this pack) can be used as well.



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Language and Linguistics

Language features:

- ★ **Contractions:** I've (I have)
You'll (You will)
I'll (I will)
- ★ **Onomatopoeia:** Clapped
Crash!
Shhhh
Swished
Thump
Wahhhh
- ★ **Homophones:** To/Too
- ★ **Idioms:** As quiet as a mouse
A herd of elephants



Linguistic Features:

- ★ **Sight Words:** 42% (Fry's First 100)
- ★ **Consonant Clusters:** Ch, Cl, Cr, Fr, Pl, Pr, Sch, Sh, Sl, Sm, St, Str, Sw, Th, Tr, Wh
- ★ **Adjectives:** Baby, Cute, Hard, Little, New, Noisy, Proud, Quiet, Sad, Soft, Small, Straight, Very, Whole



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Activity Sheet

Learning objective: to learn about similies

Activity: Insert a simile to describe what is happening in the picture.



The mice were so loud they sounded like a herd of elephants.



Edgar's teddy was soft like _____



Mabel was sleeping as soundly as _____



Edgar was blue like _____

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Colouring in

Colour in Edgar and Ruby at the party!

