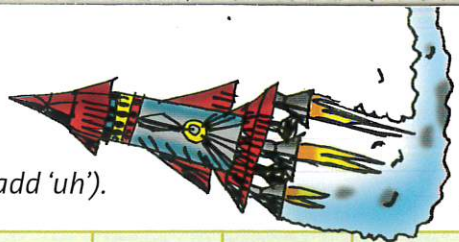


# Speed sounds



**Consonants** Say the pure sounds (do not add 'uh').

f	l	m	n	r	s	v	z	sh	th	ng
ff	ll	mm	nn	rr	ss	ve	zz			nk
			kn	wr	se		s			
					ce		se			

b	c	d	g	h	j	p	qu	t	w	x	y	ch
bb	k	dd	gg			pp		tt	wh			tch
	ck											

**Vowels** Say the vowel sound and then the word, eg 'a', 'at'.

at	hen	in	on	up	day	see	high	blow
	head					happy	find	no

zoo	look	car	for	fair	whirl	shout	boy
			door				spoil
			snore				

Each box contains one sound but sometimes more than one grapheme. Focus graphemes are circled.

## Green words

Read in Fred Talk (pure sounds).

mouse	house	spout	round	ground	pounce
proud	out	floor	food	scoop	for
fill	will	bowl	cheese	arm	wheel

Read in syllables.

a`mount → amount                      a`way → away

Read the root word first and then with the ending.

bed	→ bedding	keep	→ keeping
feed	→ feeding	feed	→ feeder
play	→ playing	week	→ weekly

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# A mouse in the house



## Introduction

*In this book a girl looks after her pet mouse. Have you ever had a pet? Do you know some of the things you need to do to look after an animal? Would you like to hold a mouse?*

Written by Gill Muntun

## Vocabulary check

Discuss the meaning (as used in the non-fiction text) after the children have read the word.

**spout**  
**water feeder**  
**scoop**  
**amount**  
**pounce**  
**proud**

### definition

*a pipe*

*a thing that holds water for the mouse to drink*

*use a spoon to get something out*

*how much there is of something*

*jump*

*pleased to have something special*

### Punctuation to note:

*Next They*      *Capital letters that start sentences*

*Jordan Paul*      *Capital letters for names*

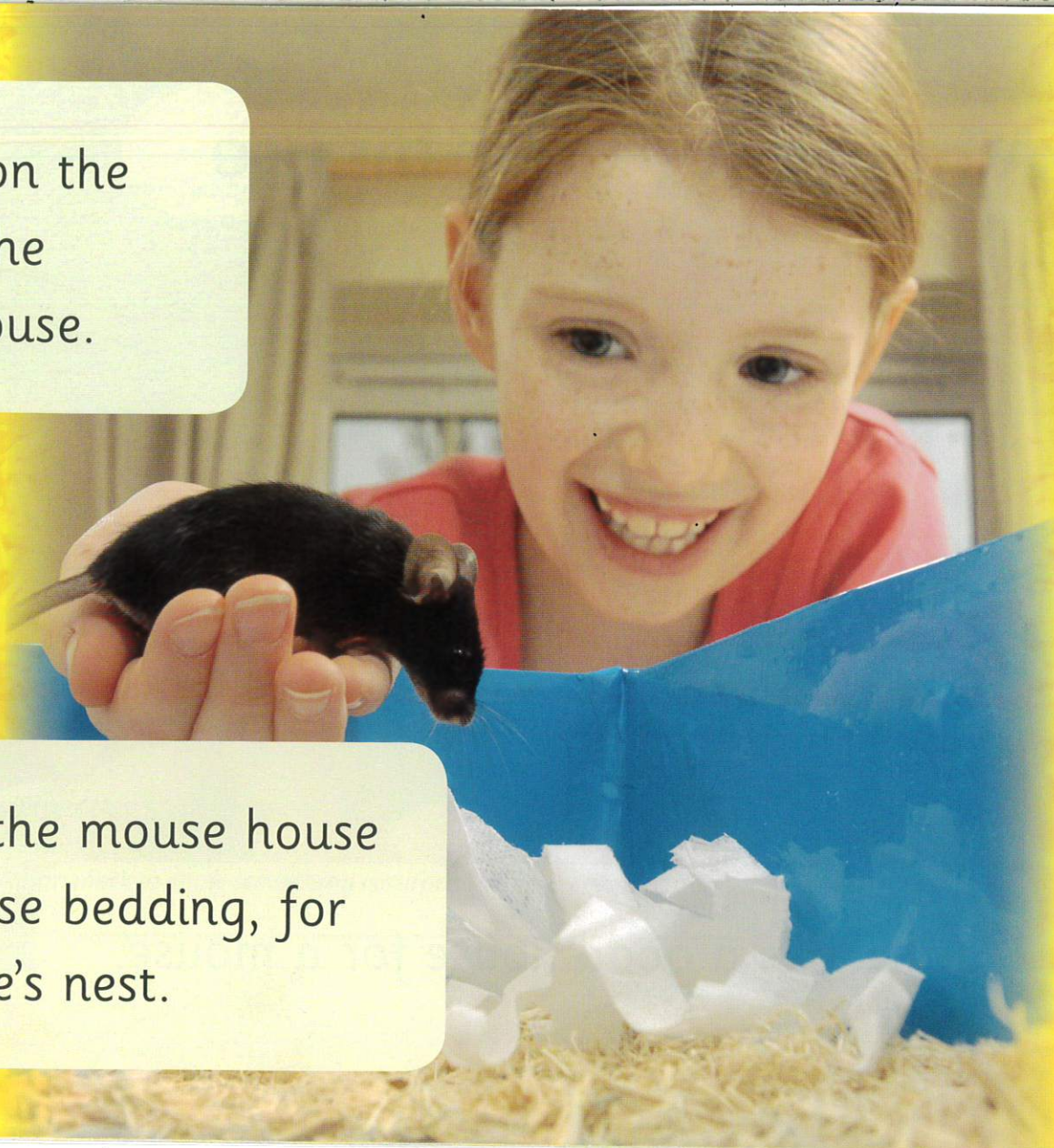
*!*      *Exclamation mark to show something is surprising, funny or important*

## A house for your mouse



A cage is a good house for a mouse.

Put hay on the floor of the mouse house.



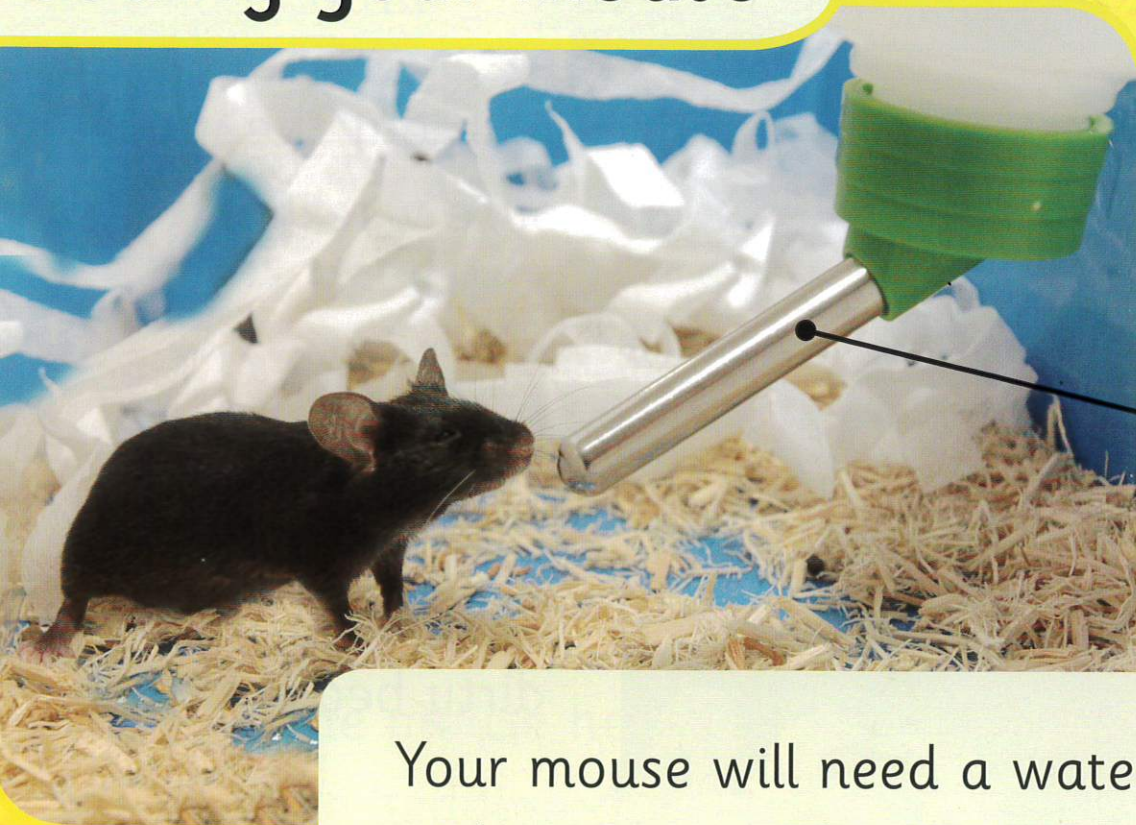
Then fill the mouse house with mouse bedding, for the mouse's nest.



Wash out the mouse house weekly.

Scoop out the dirty bedding.

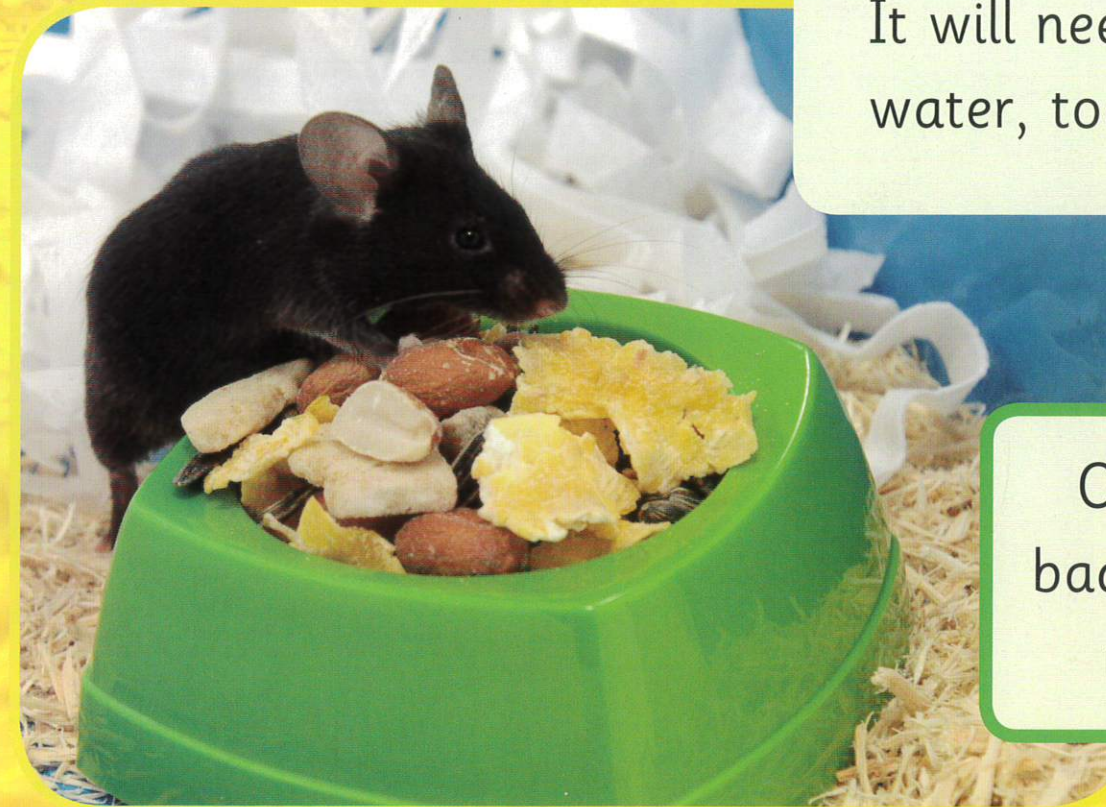
## Feeding your mouse



spout

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.



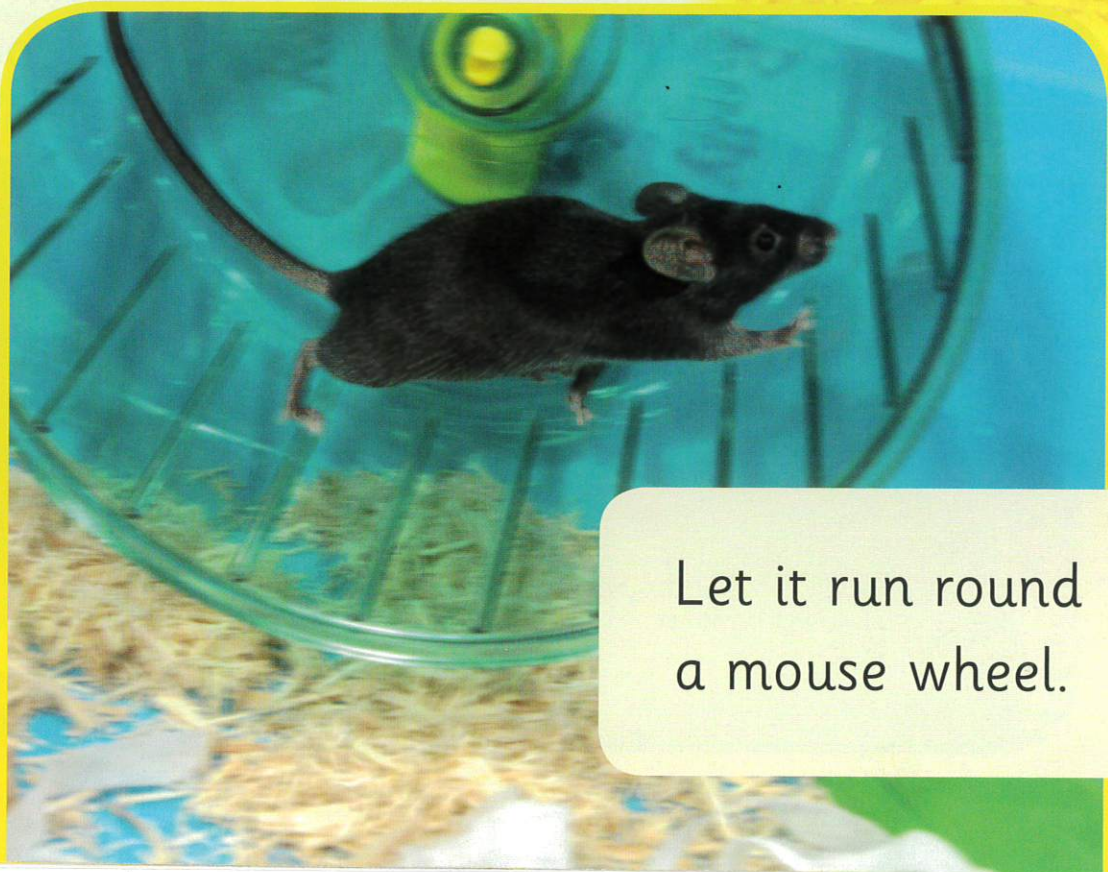
It will need fresh water, too.



Cheese is bad for your mouse!

## Playing with your mouse

Let your mouse run up and down your arm.



Let it run round 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 ★★

Re-read the page. Read the question to the children. Tell them whether it is a **FIND IT** question or **PROVE IT** question.

### FIND IT

- ✓ Turn to the page
- ✓ Read the question
- ✓ Find the answer

### PROVE IT

- ✓ Turn to the page
- ✓ Read the question
- ✓ Find your evidence
- ✓ Explain why

- |          |                 |  |
|----------|-----------------|--|
| Page 10: | <b>FIND IT</b>  | How do you make the mouse's nest?                  |
| Page 11: | <b>FIND IT</b>  | What do you have to do every week?                 |
| Page 13: | <b>FIND IT</b>  | Where can you get mouse food?                      |
| Page 13: | <b>FIND IT</b>  | What sort of water will your mouse need?           |
| Page 15: | <b>PROVE IT</b> | What might happen if the mouse runs on the ground? |
| Page 15: | <b>PROVE IT</b> | What sort of animal might hurt a mouse?            |
| Page 16: | <b>FIND IT</b>  | Where must the mouse go if it is ill?              |

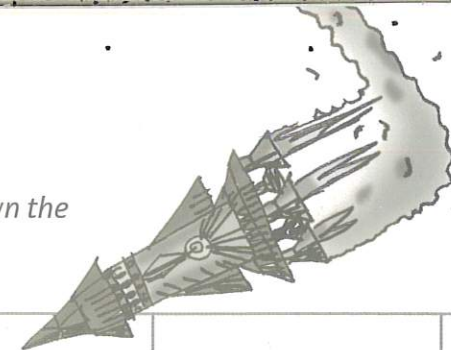
## Questions to read and answer ★ ★

(Children complete without your help.)

- 1 You put **water** / **hay** / **food** on the floor of a mouse house.
- 2 You must scoop out the **dirty bedding** / **mouse** / **food**.
- 3 You will need a **food** / **glass** / **water** bowl.
- 4 **Hay** / **water** / **cheese** is bad for your mouse.
- 5 A cat will **step** / **pounce** / **sleep** on a mouse.

## Speed words

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



amount	glass	spout	floor	good
bedding	ground	weekly	water	out
mouse	scoop	house	dirty	feeder
playing	pounce	round	fresh	proud