

**Comprehension Passage#3**  
**The Mice and the Elephants**

**I. Question-Answers**

**Q1. What were the elephants searching for?**

**Ans.** The elephants were searching for water.

**Q2. Who lived near the lake?**

**Ans.** A large family of mice lived near the lake.

**Q3. Why was the herd of wild elephants wandering?**

**Ans.** The herd of wild elephants was wandering because they were thirsty and searching for water.

**Q4. How did the mice get hurt?**

**Ans.** The mice got hurt when the elephants ran to the lake.

**Q5. Why did the leader of the elephants tell his herd to use another route?**

**Ans.** The leader of the elephants told his herd to use another route because the mice had requested him to do so.

**Q6. What did the mice ask the leader of the elephants to do?**

**Ans.** The mice asked the leader of the elephants to use another way to get to the lake.

**Q7. What did the leader of the elephants do to help the mice?**

**Ans.** The leader of the elephants told his herd to use another way to get to the lake.

**Q8. Why was the leader of the elephants in agony?**

**Ans.** The leader of the elephants was in agony because he got caught in a trap laid out by hunters.

**Q9. What did the mice do in return, in order to help the elephants?**

**Ans.** The mice bit through the ropes tying the elephant to the post and freed him.

**Q10. What happened to the leader of the elephants near the lake?**

**Ans.** Some cruel hunters had laid out traps near the lake for the elephants. The leader of the elephants got caught in one of them.

**Q11. What did the hunters do to the leader of the elephants?**

**Ans.** The hunters tied the leader of the elephants to a heavy stone post. They wanted to keep him in captivity and use him to pull logs through the thick forests.

**Q12. What do we learn from this story?**

**Ans.** From this story we learn that the small in size can indeed sometimes help the big just like the teeny weeny mice freed the mighty elephant.

## **II. One Word for Many**

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| 1. collective noun for elephants     | - | herd      |
| 2. singular for 'mice'               | - | mouse     |
| 3. thing designed to catch an animal | - | trap      |
| 4. opposite of 'pushed' is           | - | pulled    |
| 5. a period of 2 weeks               | - | fortnight |

## **III. Find Synonyms**

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|-------------------------------------|---|-----------|
| a. satisfy one's thirst by drinking | - | quench    |
| b. extreme suffering and pain       | - | agony     |
| c. imprison or confine              | - | captive   |
| d. fourteen days/ two weeks         | - | fortnight |
| e. a way to reach a destination     | - | route     |