

## 暗唱の部 課題 C-②

### The Lion and the Mouse

One day a lion was sleeping. A mouse ran over his face and woke him up. The lion was angry. He caught the mouse and said, "I'll eat you up. That will teach you not to wake up the king of the animals!"

But the mouse cried, "Please don't eat me. I didn't want to wake you up. I'm very sorry. Please let me go. You will be glad some day. If you do this for me, I will do something for you."

The lion laughed at the mouse. "A little animal like you? How can you help a big, strong animal like me?" But he also thought, "This mouse really is very small. He's too small for dinner. He's even too small for a snack." So he let the mouse go.

A few days later, some hunters came and caught the lion. They tied him to a tree with strong ropes. Then they left him and went to the village. They wanted to keep the lion and sell him to the zoo. But they needed more men.

The lion roared and roared. He was very angry, but he couldn't move. The mouse heard the roaring and ran to him.

"Now you will see what I can do for you," he said. Little by little, the mouse cut through the ropes with his teeth. Soon the lion was free.