

# The Mouse and the Cake

## TEXTUAL QUESTIONS AND ANSWERS

### Word Note

Mortal	–	মৃত্যু, প্রাণনাশক।
Mouse	–	নিগনি।
Palm	–	বগৰী জাতীয় ফল।
Cake	–	পিঠা।
Panted	–	খৰকৈ উশাহ লোৱা।
Nibbbled	–	লাহে লাহে কামুৰি খাইছিল।
Gulping	–	মোকৰা মোকোৰে খোৱা।
To swallow	–	গিলা।
Before long	–	বহুদিনৰ আগতে।
Fate	–	ভাগ্য।

**Eliza Cook (1818-1889)**, an English poet contribution to magazine from an early age and brought out volumes of poetry.

**I. Answer each of the following questions in a sentence or two :-**

**Q.1. What kind of cake did the mouse find ?**

**Ans :-** The mouse found a beautiful piece of plum cake, which was the richest and sweetest that new could make.

**Q.2. What did the mouse want to hide with the cake ?**

**Ans :-** After hearing the playing noise of his brother's, the mouse wanted to hide with the cake because he did not like to share the cake with them.

**Q.3. How did the mouse eat the cake ?**

**Ans :-** The mouse ate the cake at first nibbled and nibbled but still he guloping it down till he made himself ill and swallowed it all.

**Q.4. Why did the mouse become unwell ?**

**Ans :-** After guloping and swallowed the whole cake the mouse became unwell.

**Q.5. What did the doctor tell the mouse ?**

**Ans :-** The doctor told the mouse "advice is too late and the mouse had to die, so he will prepare for his fate. He also told the mouse that if he had divided the cake amongst his brothers, it would have no harm and have done good to others.

**Q.6. What is the lesson you learn from the poem ?**

**Ans :-** The poem teaches us a valuable lesson. The lesson of sharing and being united with our brothers and fellow friends. The mouse united we stand, the happier we together live.

**II.1. Pick out the pairs of rhyming words in the poem.**

e.g. Cake – Make

**Ans :-**

Play – Way

Still – Ill

Guess – Distress

Worse – Rehearse

Crumb – Same

Late – Fate

Brothers – Others

**2. The 'b' in crumb is silent. Can you think of some other words ?**

**Ans :-** Knowledge – 'd' is silent.

**III. Fill in the blanks appropriately.**

(Slice, Grain, Bar, Piece)

A ..... of cake.

A ..... of bread.

A ..... of chocolate.

A ..... of rice.

**Ans :-**

A piece of cake.

A slice of bread.

A bar of chocolate.

A grain of rice.

**IV.1. Imagine you are the mouse's brother. What will be your feeling on seeing your brother in pain ?**

**Ans :-** I will feel very sad on seeing my brother in pain. Brothers and sisters are God's gift with whom we share both our happiness and sorrow.

**2. Do you usually share what you have with others ?**

**Ans :-** Yes, I usually share what I have with other. Sharing gives a sense of self satisfaction and a feeling positivity in me.

**3. Can you think of any other animal or bird which shares its food ?**

**Ans :-** A squirrel shares its food with its friend. The sight of a squirrel sharing its food with its friends is a very beautiful.

**4. If you have a laddu, who would you share it with ?**

**Ans :-** I would like to share with a poor hungry kid. I love helping and sharing food with children in the struts who have very less food to eat.