13. MICE

**A.   Warmer**

Do you like a mouse ? Why or why not ?
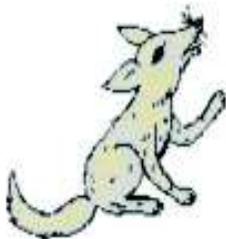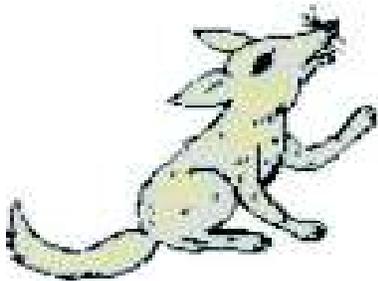
I think mice
Are rather nice.
Their tails are long,
Their faces small,
They haven't any
Chins at all.
Their ears are pink,
Their teeth are white.
They run about
The house at night.
They nibble things
They shouldn't touch,
And no one seems
To like them much.
But I think mice are nice.
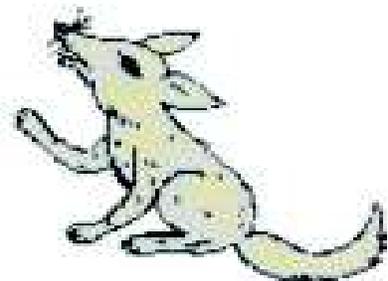
GLOSSARY

chins	(चिन्ज)	ठुड्डी
nibble	(निबल)	कुतरना
seems	(सीम्ज)	प्रतीत होना, आभास होना
mice	(माइस)	चूहे
nice	(नाइस)	अच्छा, सुन्दर
tails	(टेल्ज)	पूँछे
pink	(पिंक)	गुलाबी

B.1. Think and Tell

Answer the following questions orally:

a) What do mice do with things ?

b) What do mice do at night ?

C.1. Think and Write

Answer the following questions:

1. When do you think the mice are most active?

   _____

2. Which word in the poem shows that the poet likes mice?

   _____

3. **Tick (✓) the right option in the following:**

   "Nibble" in the poem means:

   ♦   to eat quickly   (   )

- ♦   to eat slowly   (   )
- ♦   to take big bites   (   )
- ♦   to take small bites   (   )

D.1. **Pick out from the poem the words that are opposite in meaning to the following:**

1. black   _____
2. day   _____
3. short   _____
4. big   _____
5. everyone   _____

D.2. **Pick out words that describe the following limbs of a mice:**

tails   ....long.......................

faces   ....

ears   ....

teeth   ....

E.1. **Tick(✓)the words that describe the words in bold:**

buffalo -	fat/thin	**sky** -	blue/pink
elephant-	huge/small	**sea** -	green/blue
ant -	large/small		

BLOSSOM PART - III

F.1. **Complete the following five sentences about 'The cow'.**

(i)   A cow is a .... animal.

(ii) It has .... ears and a .... tail.

(iii) It is a domestic ....

(iv) It gives us ....

(v) It gives ....

F.2. **The poet likes mice. Do you like mice? You may say 'I like mice' or 'I don't like mice.'**

Now, write down the things that you like and the things that you don't like.

I like	*I don't like*
………………………	…………………………
………………………	…………………………
………………………	…………………………
………………………	…………………………

Now, work in pairs and compare your list with the list of your partner.