

# Belling the Cat

The mice had a problem. There was a new cat in the house. It slept by the kitchen table. It hid behind doors. It raced down the hall toward the mice. They could see its eyes in the dark. They could hear it howl at night. They never felt safe! The mice called a meeting. They had many ideas. One little mouse pulled on his ear and said, "We need to hear that cat. Let's hang a bell on its neck." All the mice went along with the idea. They cheered and clapped. They danced and laughed. Then a wise old mouse asked, "Who is going to bell the cat?"

Moral: Some things are easier said than done.



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1. What is the problem in this story?

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2. Why do the mice call a meeting?

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3. What was one idea for solving the problem?

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4. Do you think belling the cat is a good idea? Why or why not?

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5. How can you tell that the old mouse is wise?

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6. Tippy-Toe Chick tricked the dog so the chicks could pass. What advice could Tippy-Toe Chick give the mice about belling the cat?

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