

POETRY

Grade 2 Lesson 4: "The Fieldmouse"
by Cecil Frances Alexander



Introduction



Today we'll be reading a poem about a field mouse searching for food.

As we read, think about where the speaker tells the field mouse to search for food and where the danger is.

Read “The Fieldmouse”
by Cecil Frances Alexander aloud.

The poem can be found on the program’s digital components site.

What does the field mouse do during the winter?

What foods does the speaker say the field mouse should eat?

What foods does the speaker say the field mouse should not eat?

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It slept in a “dark den.”

What foods does the speaker say the field mouse should eat?

nuts and acorns

What foods does the speaker say the field mouse should not eat?

the farmer’s corn and grain

Where is it safe for the field mouse to search for food?

Where is it dangerous?

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tree roots, under trees, in the meadow, etc.

Where is it dangerous?

by the farmhouse where the farmer keeps his crops

We’ve been talking about rhyme scheme.

What is the rhyme scheme of the first stanza in this poem?

The Fieldmouse

Cecil Frances Alexander

Where the acorn tumbles down

Where the ash tree sheds its berry,

With your fur so soft and brown,

With your eye so round and merry,

Scarcely moving the long grass,

Fieldmouse, I can see you pass.

What is the rhyme scheme of the first stanza in this poem?

ABABCC

The Fieldmouse

Cecil Frances Alexander

Where the acorn tumbles down	A
Where the ash tree sheds its berry,	B
With your fur so soft and brown,	A
With your eye so round and merry,	B
Scarcely moving the long grass,	C
Fieldmouse, I can see you pass.	C

Reading



We learned about **alliteration** in our first lesson.

What is alliteration?

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Alliteration is the repetition of the beginning letter or sound in two or more words or syllables near each other.

As we read the poem again, listen for examples of alliteration.

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What examples of alliteration did you hear?

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*Possible answers include “dark den,” “warm weather,”
“tall tree,” “fallen fruits,” etc.*

Wrap-Up



Now it's your turn: write one sentence about the field mouse using alliteration.