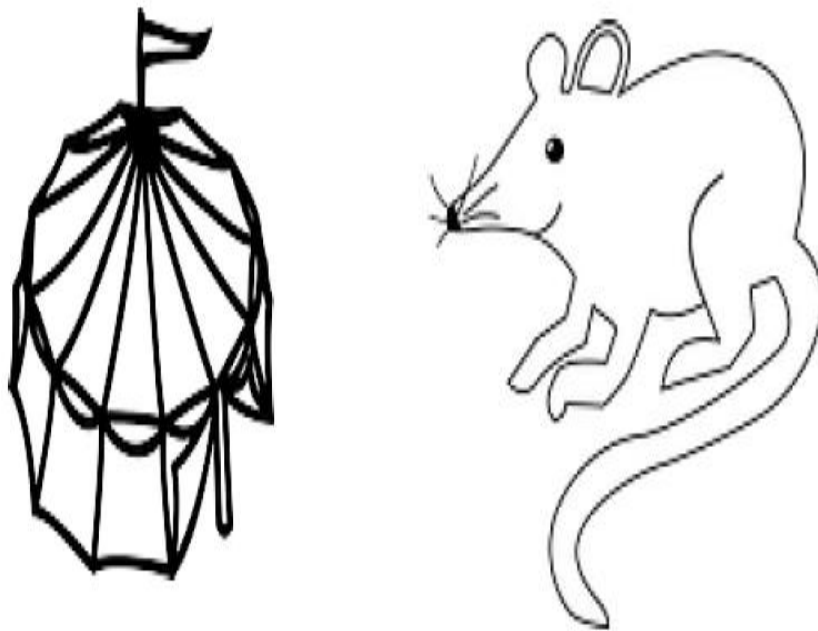
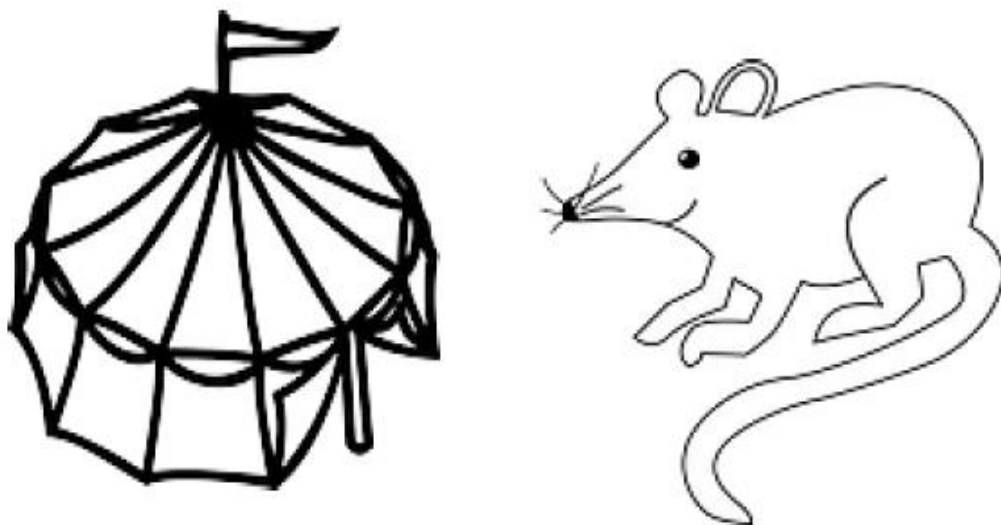


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*I dedicate this to all those
who strive to learn
everyday!*



Cashmere is not like any other rat. He has a talent. He wants to share it with the whole world.



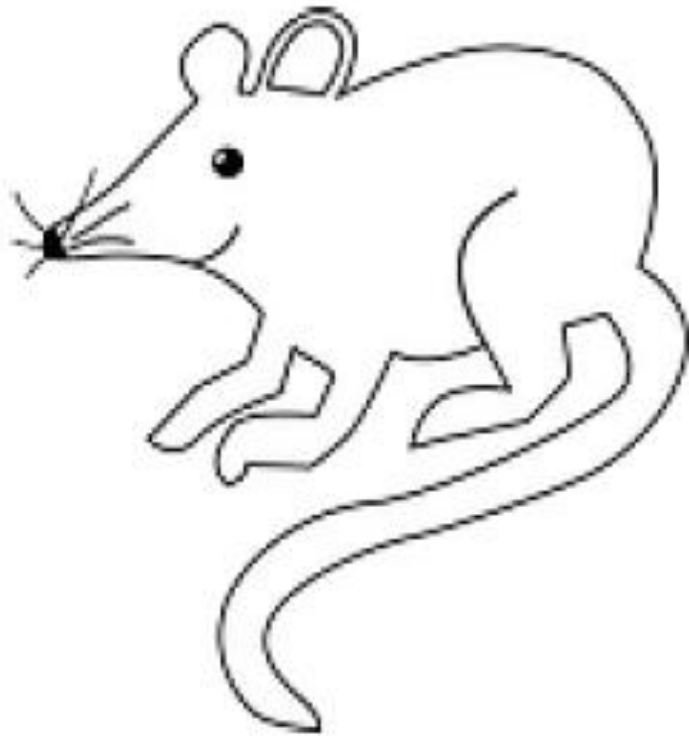
"What is his talent?", you may ask. Well,
Cashmere can sing better than you!



A circus is in town. Cashmere loves circuses.
He has always wanted to be in one.



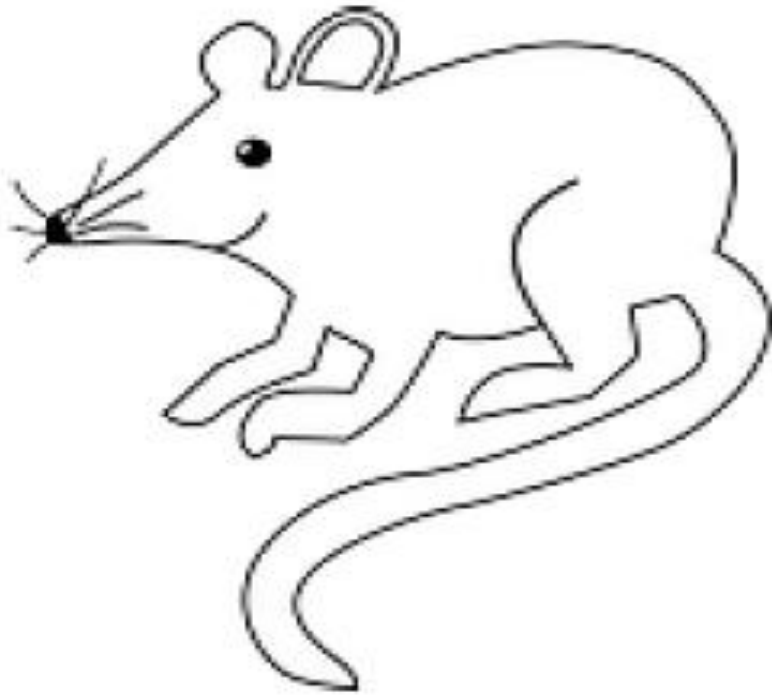
Cashmere wants to go to the circus. He saw the fliers. He wants to audition.



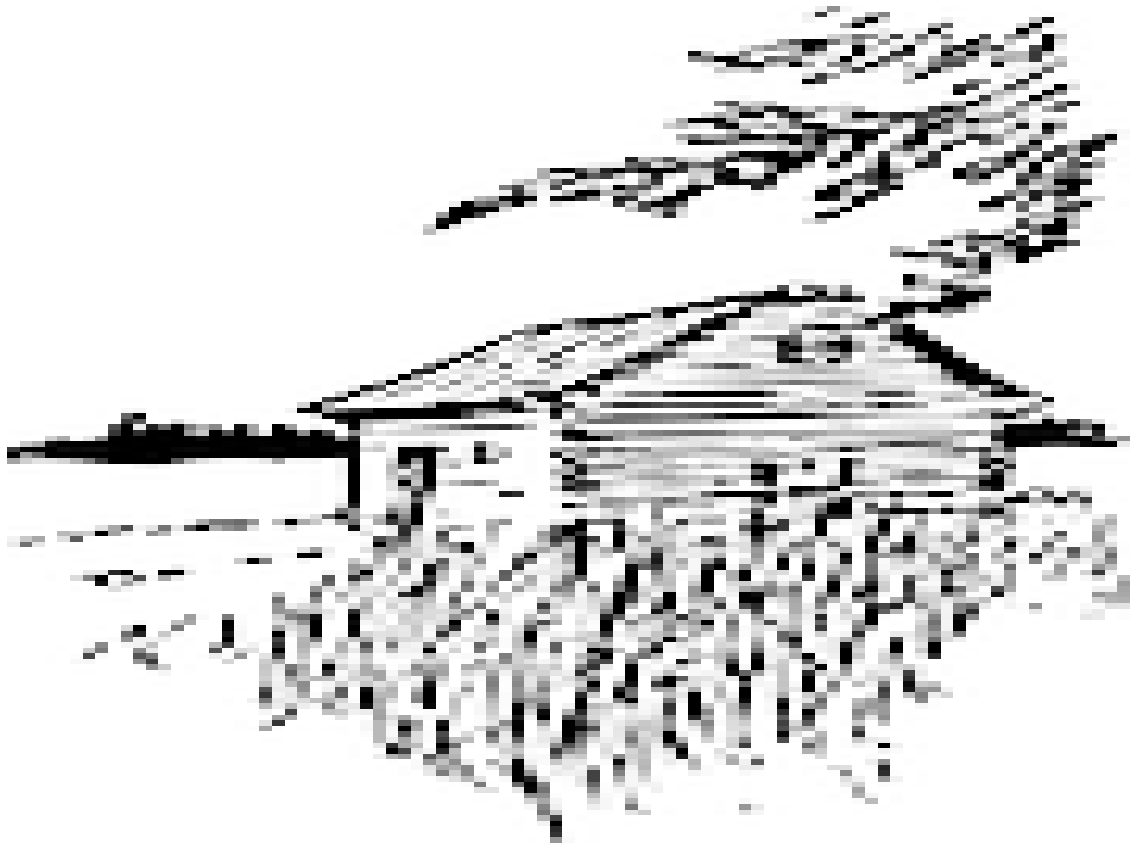
Sadly, Cashmere wakes up late. He runs to the circus but arrived when the auditions were about to finish.



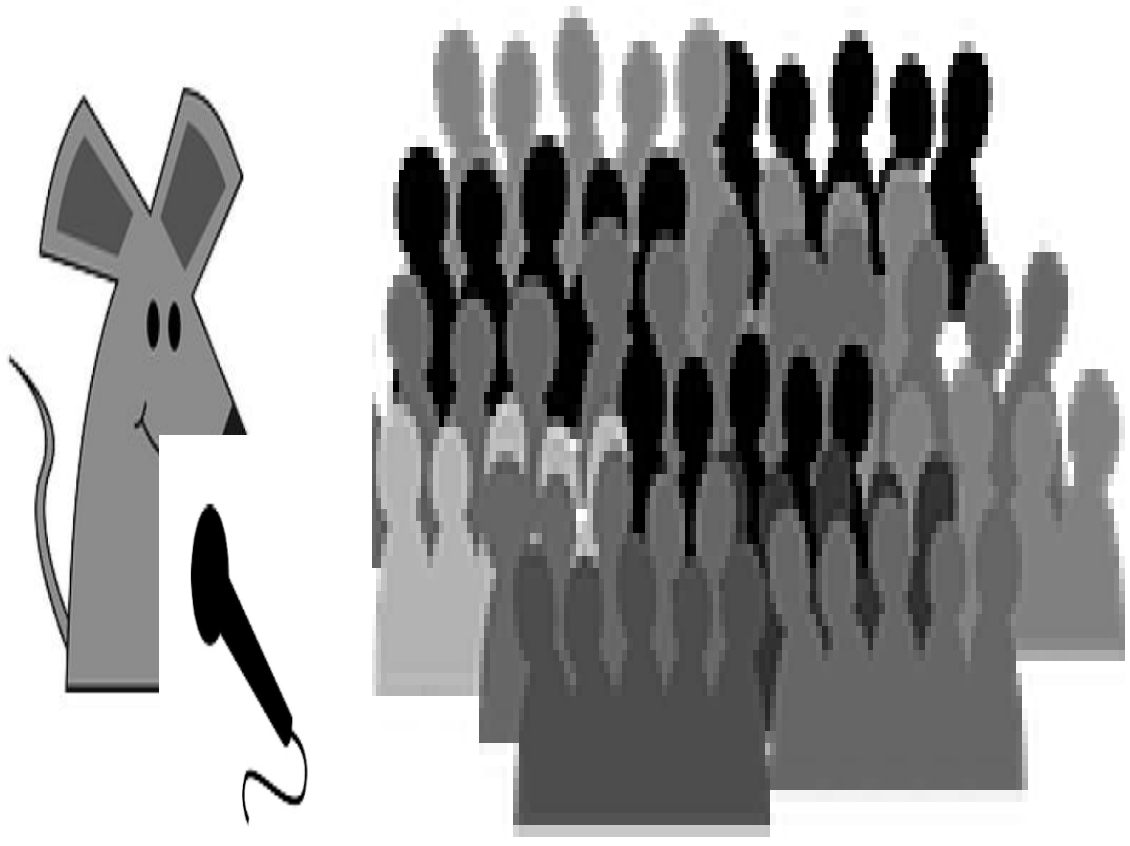
Bob, the circus owner, is a very busy man.
So, he doesn't like late coming. He is strict.



He tells Cashmere he cannot audition.
Cashmere tries to explain, but Bob refuses
to understand. Cashmere becomes sad.



Cashmere goes home. When he arrived home, he thinks of what he could do to prove his talent. So he decides to go to the streets and do an open performance for everyone to see.



He sets up his things in a good place. Then he starts singing with his microphone. A lot of people hear him sing and come to watch him.



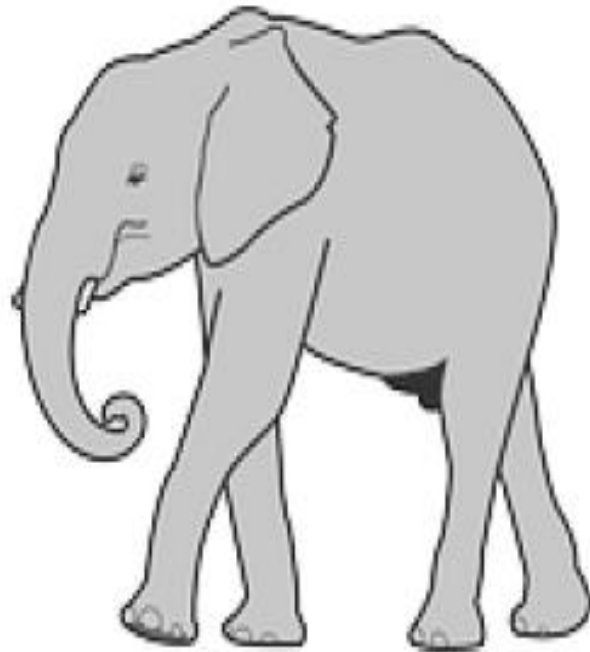
Bob the circus owner is going to visit family around the area. He hears Cashmere singing.



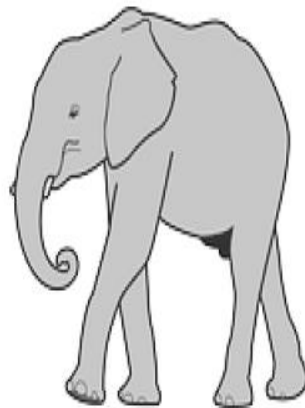
He notices that Cashmere is very good.
Everybody finds him good. They are clapping.
Bob goes to talk to Cashmere.



He tells Cashmere he can join the circus.
Cashmere is very happy.



They both go back to the circus. Mr. Elephant is outside. He wants to welcome the newbie.



Cashmere now feels at home. He is surrounded by a lot of talented people like him. They make him happy and he makes them happy. Cashmere will be their next star.

Check Your Understanding!

1. What is the name of the rat?
2. What is the rat's talent?
3. What is taking place at the circus?
4. Who welcomes the rat?
5. Does the rat become a star?

