

Language lesson

Once upon a time there was a family of mice living in a nest in a field. One day a cat came hunting and smelt the mice. Stealthily, he approached the nest, step by step, paw by paw. The mother mouse sensed that the cat was coming and they all waited with baited breath as the cat approached. Just as the cat was about to peer into the nest, the mother mouse barked, "Hu-hu-hu!" The mouse leapt back in fear and darted away.

The mother mouse turned to her children. "You see now how useful it is to learn a second language," she told them. And she was right.