

MONSTER MOUSE. Directions. Print out. Read the story. Answer the questions and write the words.

MONSTER MOUSE

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Once there was a little mouse who was very brave. He liked to chase big ferocious animals. He chased elephants, lions, and leopards. He even chased Komodo Dragons; he wasn't scared of their poisonous tongues! Because this little mouse was so brave, he was named Monster Mouse.

Early one morning, Monster Mouse woke up and crawled out of his bed made of moss and leaves. As always, he ate a big breakfast of ripe, sweet berries. "Yum, yum," he said. Then, as he jumped away, he hit his head on a rock near his house. "Ouch," Monster cried. "I must find some cool mud to hold on my aching head." After his head cooled, Monster carefully climbed through the brush and into a clearing. He then went to find some animals to chase. "I only want to chase the ferocious ones," he called.

First, he met Charlie Chimpanzee. "I don't want to chase Charlie," thought Monster. "He's not ferocious enough." Next, he met Barton Box Turtle eating myrtle. "He won't be much fun to chase. He moves too slowly," thought Monster. Finally, he came upon Peter Panther at his resting place. "I'll chase him - he's ferocious!" And Monster spent the rest of the morning chasing Peter Panther. Peter was thankful when Monster finally called, "Time out for lunch!"

Monster ran home and while he was crawling into his house, he bumped his head again! Oh, no, poor Monster! He found some more cool mud to rub on his second bump. When he felt better, he ate a lunch of seeds and nuts and then took a little nap. Later, he crawled back out of his house and ran to look for someone else to chase. This time he found Elton Elephant. He chased Elton until dinnertime. Monster ate some bugs and worms for dinner. Then Monster was so tired that he went straight to bed. **END.**

Activities: Illustrate the part of the story you liked best.

Patterns: The animals in the story have first and last names that begin with the same letter. *Examples:* Monster Mouse (M); Charlie Chimpanzee (C); Barton Box Turtle (B); Peter Panther (P); Elton Elephant (E).

Write the letters.

M

C

B

P

E

Directions. Print out. Read and answer the questions. Fill up the line with your answers. See answers after question 12.

QUESTIONS.

1. What kind of animal was Monster? Write **E** for elephant; write **M** for mouse; or, write **P** for panther.

2. Why was this animal named Monster? Write **T** if it was because he was timid. Write **S** if it was because he was scared. Write **B** if it was because he was brave.

3. What did Monster eat for breakfast? Write **P** for pineapple; write **E** for eggs; or, write **B** for berries.

4. What did Monster do right after breakfast? Write **S** for sleep; write **J** if he jumped away and hit his head; or, write **R** if he romped through the grass.

5. When Monster went out the first time to find an animal to chase, whom did he first meet? Write **B** for Barton Box Turtle; write **L** for Lenny Lion; write **C** for Charlie Chimpanzee.

6. How many times did Monster bump his head? Write the number **1**, **2** or **3**.

7. What did Monster put on his head when it hurt? Write **I** for ice packs; write **L** for leaves; or, write **M** for mud.

8. Of what was Monster's bed made? Write **B & L** for bark and leaves; write **T & L** for twigs and leaves; or, write **M & L** for moss and leaves.

9. What did Monster eat for lunch? Write **L & T** for leaves and twigs; write **S & N** for seeds and nuts; or, write **S & L** for seeds and leaves.

10. Who did Monster chase after lunch? Write **L** for Leona Leopard; write **E** for Elton Elephant; write **C** for Charlie Chimpanzee.

11. What did Monster have for dinner? Write **S & W** for slugs and worms; write **B & W** for bugs and worms; or, write **G & W** for grubs and worms.

12. What did Monster do right after dinner? Write **C** for chased another animal; write **W** for went straight to bed; or, write **S** for snacked on more food.

Answers to questions: 1. M; 2. B; 3. B; 4. J; 5. C; 6. 2; 7. M; 8. M & L; 9. S & N; 10. E; 11. B & W; 12. W.

Directions for writing words: Read the poem and write the words.

1. This Monster lives in a moss and leaf house.
He is an M-O-U-S-E, A MOUSE.

2. Although Monster's small, small he does not behave.
Monster is B-R-A-V-E, he's BRAVE.

3. When Monster's head banged with a bump and a thud,
He packed it with cool M-U-D, with cool MUD.

4. For breakfast M. Mouse has a ripe berry treat.
Because they are S-W-E-E-T, SWEET.

5. For lunch Monster M. has a seed and nut fest.
To him they're the very B-E-S-T, BEST.

6. For dinner M. Mouse on bugs and worms dines.
Then he R-E-C-L-I-N-E-S, RECLINES.

7. Monster Mouse is as brave as a bear.
He loves to S-C-A-R-E, to SCARE.

8. He was not quite up to Monster's grand prix.
His name was Charlie the C-H-I-M-P-A-N-Z-E-E, CHIMPANZEE.

9. On the side of the road, he was eating myrtle.
His name was Barton the T-U-R-T-L-E, TURTLE.

10. Monster found panther at his resting place.
And gave him a C-H-A-S-E, a CHASE.

11. Monster chased this cat with shiny black fur.
His name was Peter, the P-A-N-T-H-E-R, PANTHER.

12. Monster chased long nose who ran with a grunt.
His name was Elton, the E-L-E-P-H-A-N-T, ELEPHANT.

13. Monster ran after Elton so strong.
And chased him all afternoon L-O-N-G, LONG.

14. Because Monster Mouse had a long busy day.
He was too tired to P-L-A-Y, PLAY.

15. At the end of the day, he was a sleepy-head,
So Monster went straight to B-E-D, BED.

Directions. Write in the missing letter.

_____ **OUSE** (L, M, or H)

_____ **HIMPANZEE** (T, V, or C)

_____ **ANTHER** (W, P, or S)

_____ **OX TURTLE** (B, F, or R)

