

## A Cambodian Folk Tale The Pencil and The Mouse

Once upon a time a child liked to draw pictures. At night he put the pencil on the table, and then he went to sleep. During the night a small mouse saw the pencil and it wanted to nibble on it. The pencil was very scared. The pencil said, "Please don't nibble on me. I want to draw a picture for you to see and you will be happy." The mouse said, "Come on, I want to see it." The pencil started to draw a circle. The mouse asked the pencil, "What is that?" The pencil said, "That is a circle," and it continued to draw. First, it draw a circle. And the mouse thought that is a sun. When the mouse saw a long circle he thought this is a hotdog. Then next, the pencil draw the big long circle and the mouse think that is a cucumber. Next the mouse saw a long circle and he thinks that is a green bean. When he saw four feet he asked. The pencil did not say anything and it made the back of the feet and the ears, mouth and whiskers. Next the mouse saw the real cat and he ran away from the pencil.

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