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## The Cat and the Mouse COPLAND "The Cat and the Mouse"

### CREATE A COMIC STRIP!



Have you ever watched the cartoon "Tom and Jerry?" In this piece of music, the composer makes the piano sound like a cartoon chase between a cat and a mouse. It's as if you're watching the cartoon with your ears! He does this in a few different ways. Let's figure out what they are!

#### THE CAT

First, Buddy shows us the cat's music. Use the music to help answer the questions below.

Describe the music: Is it low or high? Fast or slow? Do Buddy's hands move all around the keyboard, or stay in one place?

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Is this cat lazy or sneaky? What do you think it looks like?

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What is the cat doing before it sees the mouse?

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## THE MOUSE

Let's listen to the mouse music and describe the mouse in our story.

Is the music fast or slow, or maybe both? Do Buddy's hands move all around the keyboard, or stay in one place?

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Does the mouse move quickly or slowly?

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What is the mouse doing before it sees the cat?

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## THE CHASE

Based on what you hear, what happens during the chase? How can you tell?

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How does the music end? Is it loud and cheerful, or does it fade away quietly?

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After you listen to the music, who do you think wins the chase? Why?

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## DRAW YOUR OWN CARTOON

Now use your imagination and everything you learned from the music to make up a story about the cat and the mouse. First, write down what will happen in each picture square; remember that each story has a beginning, middle (conflict), and end (resolution). Then, draw a comic strip of your story!

Square 1 \_\_\_\_\_

Square 2 \_\_\_\_\_

Square 3 \_\_\_\_\_

Square 4 \_\_\_\_\_

Square 5 \_\_\_\_\_

Square 6 \_\_\_\_\_

