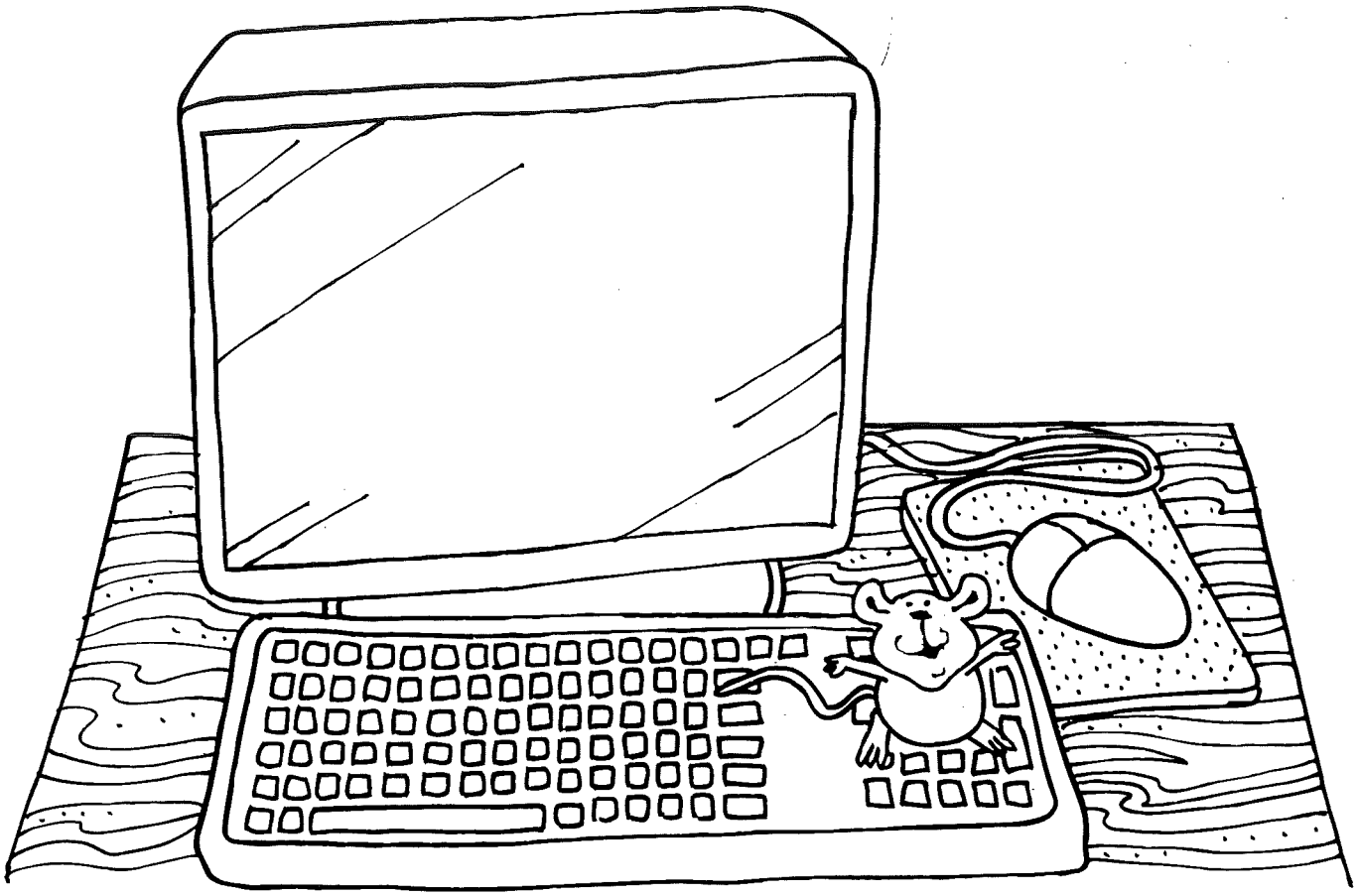
Computer Mouse



Thomas is a little brown mouse. He lives in the wall of Peter's bedroom. Peter doesn't know he has a houseguest. Thomas only comes out when Peter is gone.

One day after Peter left, Thomas came out of his hole in the wall. He saw something new on Peter's desk. Thomas jumped up onto the desk. He walked around the strange box he found there. Suddenly there was a bright light on one side of the box. Somehow Thomas had bumped a switch and turned on Peter's computer. Thomas hopped off the desk and ran home.

An hour later, Peter returned. "Oh, no! I forgot to turn off my computer," groaned Peter. Since the computer was on, Peter began to work on a report for school. He didn't see the tiny face peeking around the edge of the computer. Without a sound, Thomas had slipped up to watch Peter.

"Peter," called Dad, "can you come here for a minute?" Peter went to see what his father wanted.

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Thomas jumped up onto the computer mouse. The screen changed. Then he hopped onto the keyboard. As he hopped around, letters started to appear on the screen. When he heard Peter coming back, Thomas hid behind the computer.

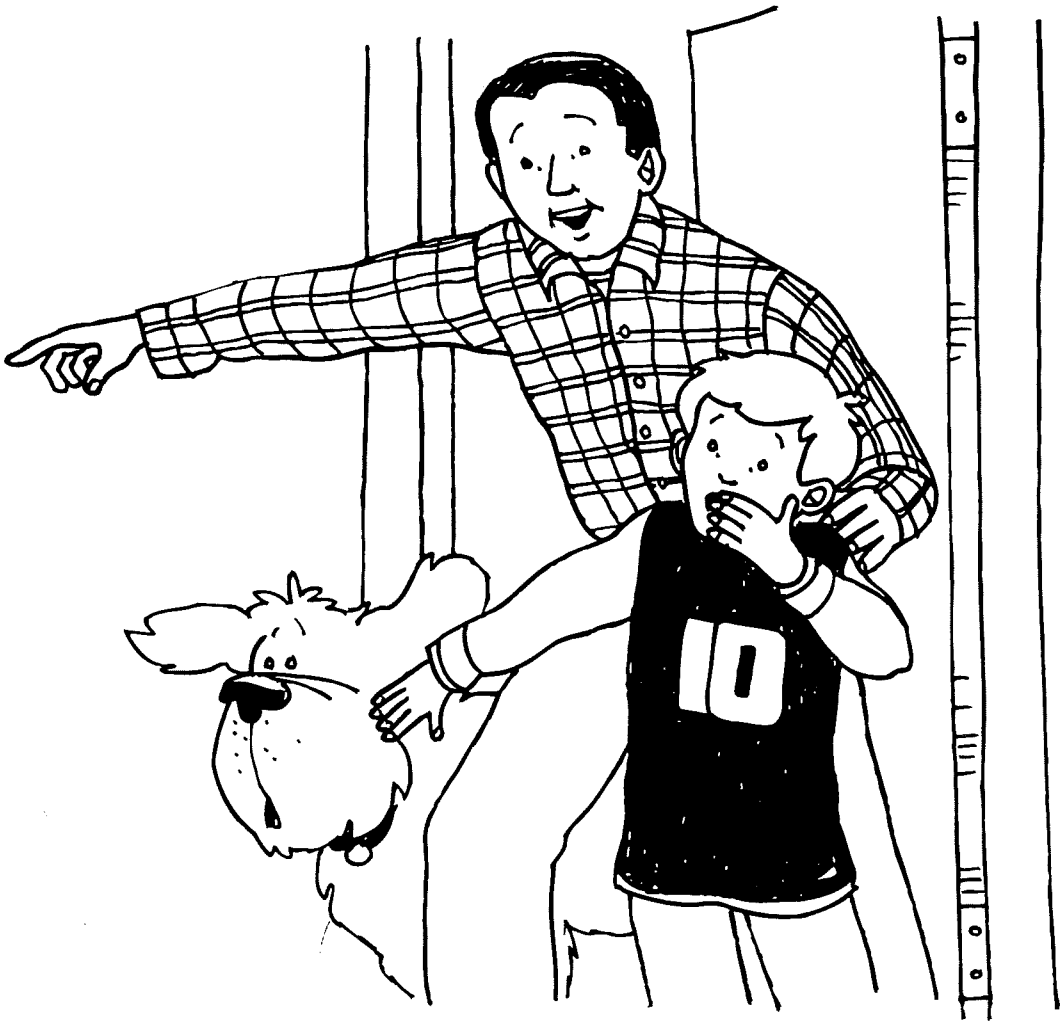
"How did that happen? That isn't what I wrote. What is going on here?" said Peter with a frown. Thomas didn't make a sound. He didn't move.

Peter ran to get his dad. "Something weird is going on, Dad," he said.

Dad and Peter stood quietly by the bedroom door. "Sh, Peter. Don't make a sound," whispered Dad.

Thomas listened for a few minutes. It was very quiet in the bedroom. Thomas moved out from his hiding place. He hopped back up onto the keyboard. "Look!" shouted Peter. When Thomas heard that loud sound, off he shot like a rocket.

"It looks like you have a new computer mouse," said Dad, laughing.



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