

# What I Know About Mice

Things highlighted in yellow go with “appearance”:

- Live in my backyard, under deck
- Sometimes inside!
- Once, mouse in school room.
- Kids and I tried all day to catch it.
- Finally shooed it outside.
- Molly pounced on it and killed it instantly!
- Smaller than rats
- Pointy noses
- Upright ears, good hearing
- Whiskers like cats
- Tail
- Four feet with claws
- Move quickly, scurry
- Sit on back feet when chewing
- Eat seeds, eat often!
- Daredevil acrobats – jump, swim, climb
- Babies are pups
- Have litters of babies
- Come inside homes in winter
- Teeth don't stop growing
- Smart, good memories
- Pests, people don't like them in house
- Eat chicken, bird food
- Small rodent
- Can be pets
- Live in groups
- Squeaky sounds
- Nocturnal
- Leave droppings where they've been
- Can carry nasty viruses – hanta virus

## The appearance of mice paragraph:

Mice are small rodents. They have pointy noses, whiskers, and tails. Some mice are brown, but others are gray or white. Mice have good hearing, and their ears are upright, unlike an elephant's ears which are huge and droopy. Mice have four small feet, and their feet have claws on them like rat's feet. Mice are smaller than rats, though. Mice gnaw all the time, so their teeth don't stop growing.