"Where are you going?" asks the Hen.

"I am going for a walk and back home again,"[1] says the Fox. "You may come with me. I can take you on my back."

"Thank you," says the Hen.

The Fox and the Bird

So the Fox takes the Hen on his back and runs along the road.[2] On the way he meets a Bird.

When the Bird sees the Fox, she wants to fly away.

"Don't fly away," says the Fox. "I don't eat birds. Come and talk to me."

"Where are you going?" asks the Bird.

"I am going for a walk and back home again," says the Fox. "You may come with me. I can take you on my back."

"Thank you," says the Bird.

The Fox and the Mouse

So the Fox takes the Bird on his back and runs along the road.

On the way he meets a Mouse.

When the Mouse sees the Fox, she wants to hide in the grass.

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where [wɛə] — куда
bird [bə:d] — птичка
mouse [maus] — мышка
grass [grɑ:s] — трава

[1] **I am going for a walk** [wɔ:k] **and back home again** — Я иду погулять (на прогулку), а потом обратно домой.
[2] **...runs along the road** [roud] — ...бежит по дороге.

"Don't hide in the grass," says the Fox. "I don't eat mice. Come and talk to me."

"Where are you going?" asks the Mouse.

"I am going for a walk and back home again," says the Fox. "You may come with me. I can take you on my back."

"Thank you," says the Mouse.

At the Fox's House

So the Fox takes the Mouse on his back and runs along the road. Soon he comes to his house.

"This is my house," says the Fox. "Now let us have breakfast."[1]

When they are all in the house, the Fox closes the door and says,

"Now I can have my breakfast. Come here,[2] Hen. I want to eat you up."

"Why do you want to eat me up?" asks the Hen.

"Because you run in the garden all day long[3] and never, never work."

And the Fox eats the Hen up.

"Come here, Bird," he says. "I want to eat you up."

"Why do you want to eat me up?" asks the Bird.

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mice [mais] — мыши
closes ['klouziz] — закрывает
door [dɔ:] — дверь
why [wai] — почему
because [bi'kɔ:z] — потому что
never ['nevə] — никогда
work [wə:k] — работать

[1] **Now** [nau] **let us have breakfast** — Теперь давайте завтракать.
[2] **Come here** ['kʌm 'hiə] — Иди сюда.
[3] **all day long** — целый день (весь день).