

THE HARE AND THE TORTOISE

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READER AGES: 6 years and over

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TORTOISE: I'm tired of you making fun of me, Hare. Why don't we have a race? Then we will see which animal is the fastest.

HARE: A race? Against you? I will win, for sure!

TORTOISE: Then you have nothing to lose. Let's race through the woods. If I win, you must never tease me again!

HARE: Alright, Tortoise. Let's race!

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NARRATOR 2: As soon as the race started, Hare sped off.

HARE: Goodbye, Tortoise! I will see you at the finish line!

TORTOISE: Yes, Hare. I will see you at the finish line.

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HARE: Tortoise will never catch up with me. I have plenty of time to relax!

NARRATOR 2: While Hare was sleeping, Tortoise kept walking. The animals cheered him as he passed by.

TORTOISE: All I need to do is keep walking. Slow and steady wins the race.

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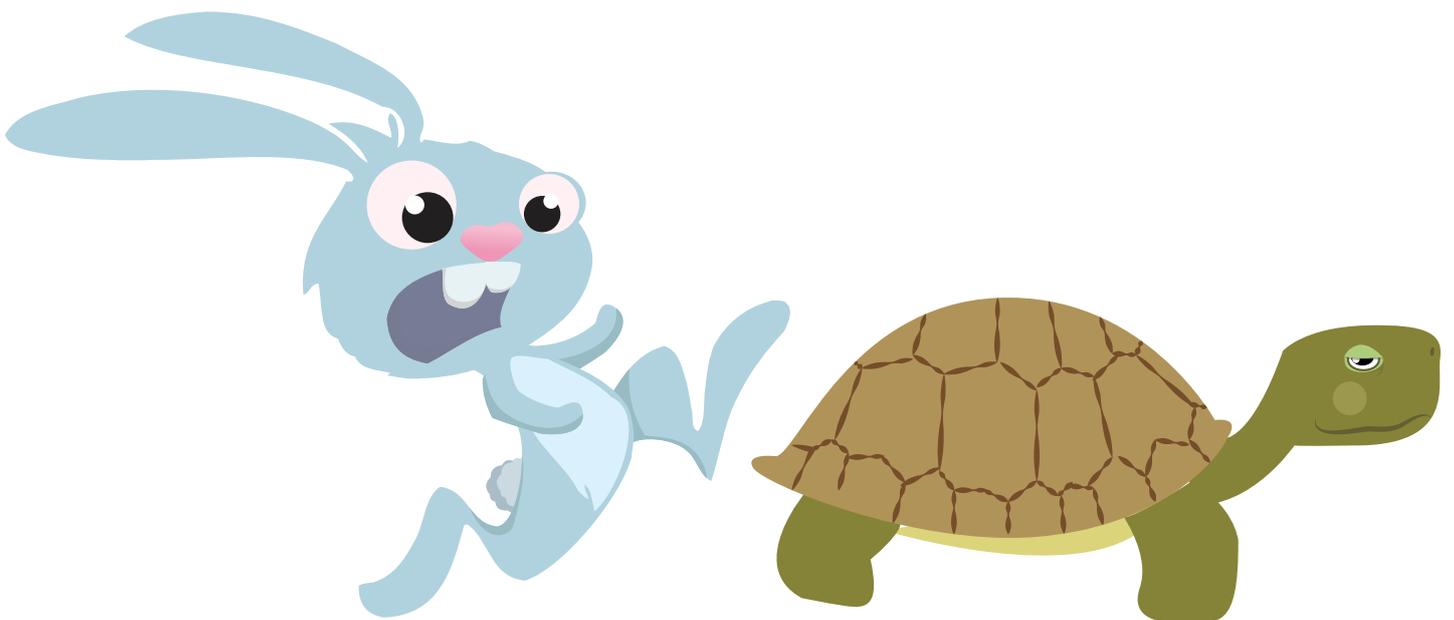
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TORTOISE: Hare, don't brag about your lightning pace. Slow and steady wins the race!

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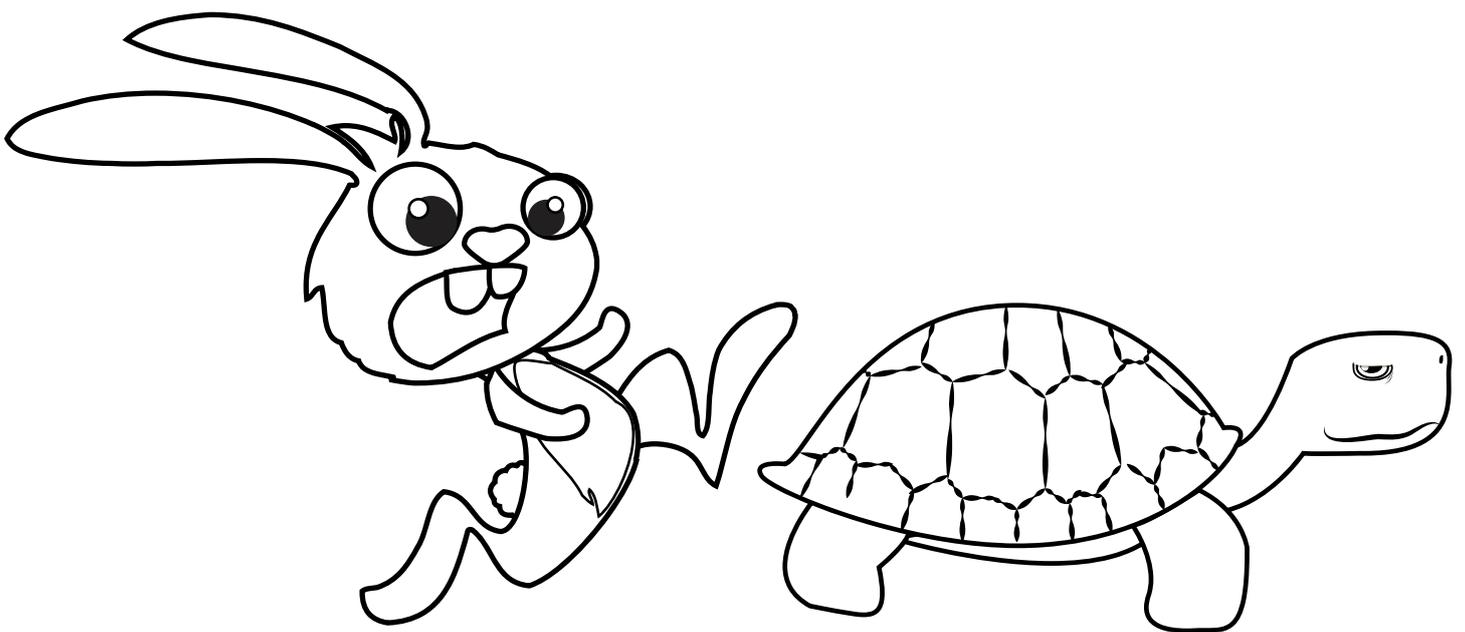
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Hare and Tortoise

1. How did you feel about Hare after reading this story?

2. Describe how Tortoise would have felt after the race.

3. Would Hare behave the same way if he ran the race again? Why? Why not?

4. Tortoise says *Then you have nothing to lose*. What does Tortoise mean?

5. Draw a map of the race track through the woods.



6. What do you think the moral of the story is?

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Right There

- In the Text -

Why did the hare and the tortoise have a race?

Think and Search

- In the Text -

What happened when the hare stopped for a nap?

Author and Me

- In My Head -

What did the tortoise mean when he said '*slow and steady wins the race*'?

On My Own

- In My Head -

What is exciting about running in a race?

