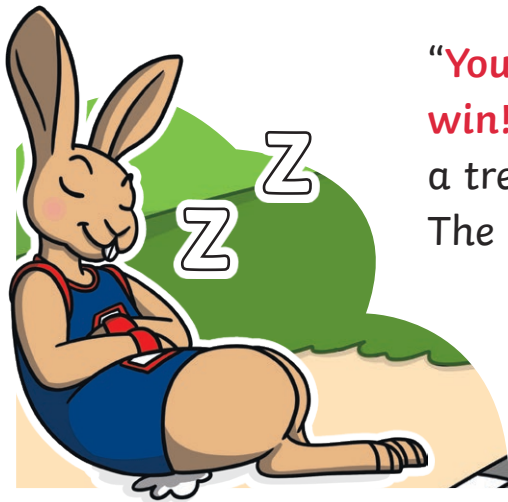


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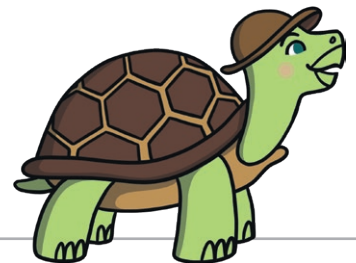


There once was a hare who told everyone how fast he could run. The tortoise thought he was a show-off. He asked the hare for a race. The hare thought it would be easy.

All of the animals got together to watch the race. The hare set off. He decided to stop for a rest after a little while.



"You are so slow, you will never win!" he said to the tortoise. The hare sat down by a tree. **'That tortoise will never beat me!'** he thought. The hare soon fell asleep.



The tortoise kept going. He didn't stop until he got to the end of the race.

"Hooray!" the animals shouted.
"Tortoise, you have won!"

The cheering woke up the hare.

He ran as fast as he could but it was too late. The tortoise had won.

"It's not fair!" said the hare.
"I was asleep. We have to do the race again!"

No one listened to the hare this time.



Questions

1. Who won the race? Tick one.

- ☐ the hare
- ☐ the tortoise
- ☐ the squirrel

2. Why did the hare think that the tortoise would never win? Tick one.

- ☐ because it was a short race
- ☐ because it was nice weather
- ☐ because he knew the tortoise would be very slow

3. Where did the hare stop for a rest? Tick one.

- ☐ by a river
- ☐ by the finish line
- ☐ by a tree

4. Why did the hare want to do the race again? Tick one.

- ☐ because he was in bed
- ☐ because he thought that it wasn't fair
- ☐ because he thought that the tortoise had cheated

5. What can we learn from the story? Tick one.

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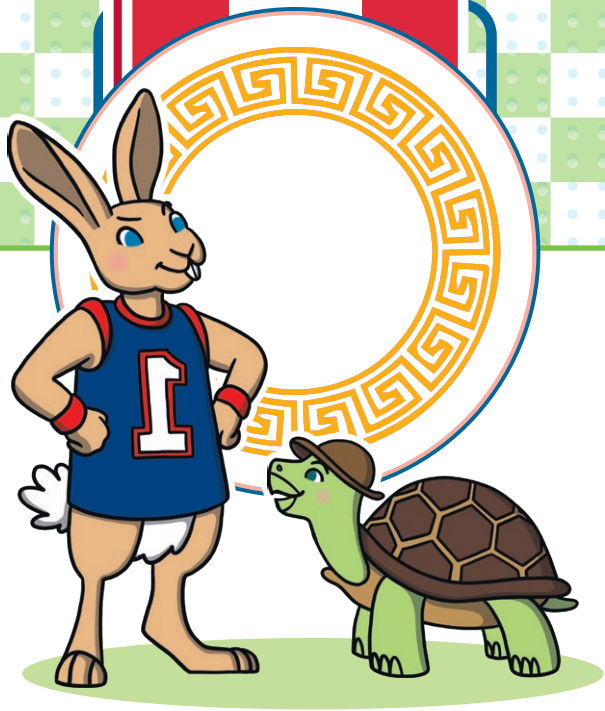
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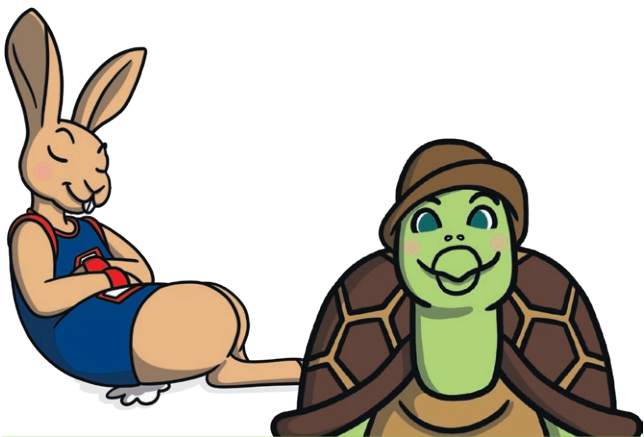
There once was a strong, young hare who bragged about how fast he could run.

The wise tortoise thought he was a show-off so he asked the hare for a race. The hare thought he would easily beat the tortoise.

All of the animals gathered at the finish line to see who would win. The hare dashed ahead as soon as the race started. He stopped for a rest after a little while. **"You are so slow, you will never win!"** he said to the tortoise.

The hare leaned against a tree. **"That tortoise will never beat me!"** he laughed to himself. The hare closed his eyes and was soon asleep.

The tortoise walked slowly past the hare. He didn't give up until he got to the end of the race.



The animals cheered as they saw the tortoise.

"Tortoise, you are the winner!" they shouted happily. The hare heard the cheering and woke up.

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He ran as fast as he could towards the finish line but it was too late. The tortoise had already crossed the line.

"It's not fair!" complained the hare. **"We have to do the race again!"** No one listened to the hare this time.



Questions

1. Which words are used to describe the hare in the first sentence? Tick **two**.

☐ strong

☐ thin

☐ young

2. Why did the hare decide to stop for a rest? Tick one.

☐ because it was a sunny day

☐ because he thought that the tortoise would never win

☐ because his feet were hurting

3. Draw **three** lines and match the sentences.

"It's not fair!"...

as soon as the race started.

The hare dashed ahead...

complained the hare.

The hare heard the cheering...

and woke up quickly.

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5. Fill in the missing words.

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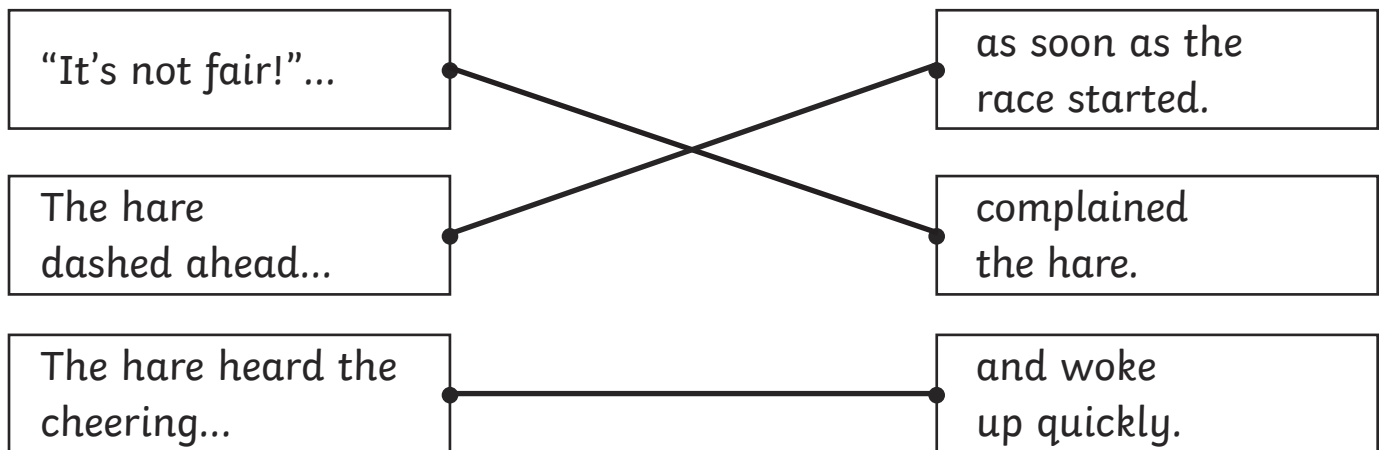
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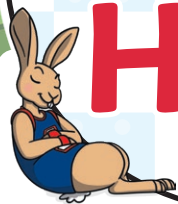
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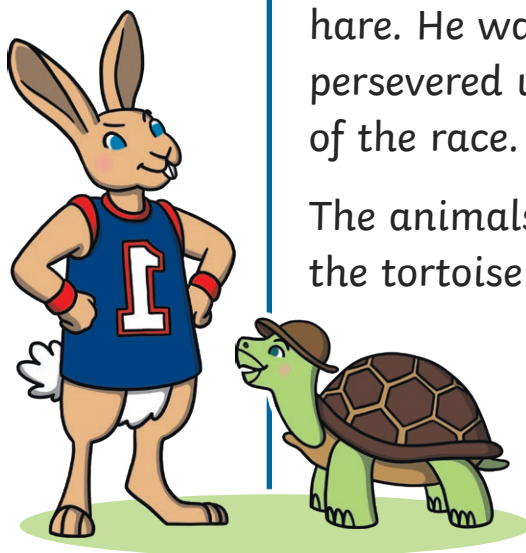


Once, there was a strong, young hare who bragged about how fast he could run. The tortoise was tired of hearing the hare boast. The wise tortoise challenged the hare to a race. The hare agreed at once, thinking that he would beat the tortoise easily.

All of the animals gathered at the finish line to watch the race.

The hare dashed ahead as soon as the race started. He ran down the road but decided to pause for a rest a few minutes later.

"How do you expect to win this race when you are walking along at such a slow pace?" he said smugly to the tortoise.



The hare stretched himself out next to a tree and fell asleep thinking, **'There is plenty of time to relax. That tortoise will never beat me!'**

The tortoise walked slowly past the hare. He walked and walked. He persevered until he got to the end of the race.

The animals cheered as they saw the tortoise reach the finish line.

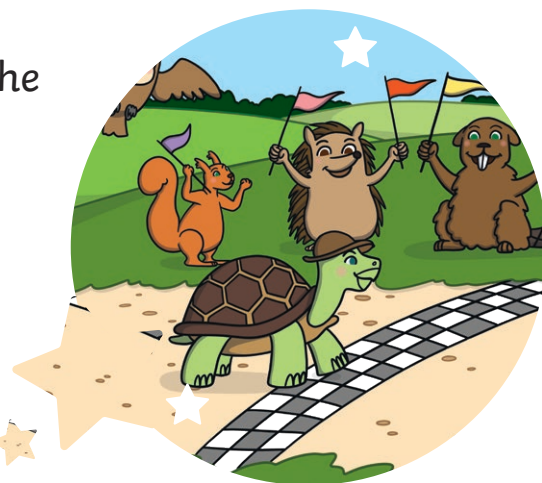
"Tortoise, you are the winner!" they shouted. The hare heard the cheering and woke with a start.

He zoomed as fast as a rocket towards the finishing line but it was far too late. The tortoise had already crossed the line.

"It's not fair!" complained the hare.

"I was asleep. We have to do the race again!" 

But no one listened to the hare this time. After that, the hare always reminded himself, **"Don't show off about your speedy pace. Slow and steady won the race!"**



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☐ shouted

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The hare stopped for a rest because he thought the tortoise was too slow to ever win the race.

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Pupils' own responses, such as: I think the hare learnt his lesson because he always reminded himself, "Don't show off about your speedy pace. Slow and steady won the race!"