

A Fable: The Hare and the Tortoise



Below is a short story with a moral, originally written by a man called Aesop, in Greece, over 2 500 years ago.



The hare was boasting in front of the other animals about how fast he could run.

“I am so fast I can beat any of you. Come on, who will challenge me to a race?” he bragged.

At first no-one replied until the tortoise slowly raised his head and said,

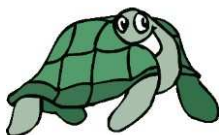
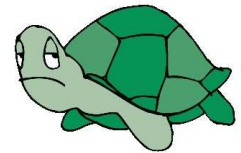
“I will race against you.”

The hare laughed and teased the tortoise about his slow pace. The other animals then went about setting up the course.

“Ready, steady, go!”

The hare bound off, out of sight almost at once. The tortoise crawled forward. Once round the corner the hare thought that it was so easy to win the race he could stop and have a lie down in the shade. The tortoise slowly plodded on, passing the hare, who had fallen asleep, until he had almost reached the finishing line.

Suddenly the hare woke up, realised what had happened and leapt forward at a great speed. Gasping for breath he flung himself over the finishing line, but too late! The tortoise had beaten him.



The moral of this story is: *slow and steady wins the race.*

Now it's your turn. Rewrite the story as if you were the tortoise. Remember to include what you were thinking during the challenge.



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The moral: slow and steady wins the race

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