

# The Hare and the Tortoise

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A Hare was one day making fun of a Tortoise for being so slow. "Wait a bit," said the Tortoise. "I'll run a race with you, and I'll wager that I win." "Oh, well," replied the Hare, who thought this was quite silly, "let's try and see." It was soon agreed that the Fox should set a race course for them and be the judge. When the time came, both started off together, but the Hare was soon so far ahead that he thought he might as well have a rest, so down he lay and fell fast asleep. Meanwhile, the Tortoise kept plodding on and in time reached the goal. At last the Hare woke up with a start and dashed on at a quick pace. But when he reached the finish line, he found that Tortoise was already there and had won the race.

## The Lesson:

Slow and steady wins the race.

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## Questions to Discuss

1. What is a hare? What is a tortoise?
2. What do you know about hares that would make it more likely for Hare to win this race? Why would Tortoise probably lose?
3. If the race had been between a bird and a fish, how would each animal have reached the goal? Who do you think would win? Why?
4. What are some other animals that could race each other? Who do you think would win? Why? How would each one reach the goal?
5. Why didn't Hare win this race? What lesson did he learn?