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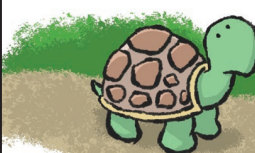
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## THE TORTOISE AND THE HARE



Here's a Greek fable by a man named **Aesop** about a race between a tortoise and a hare. It may surprise you who wins!



The hare ran so fast some of the words flew out of the story. Can you find where each word belongs?

WATCH RUN FINISH WIN MORNING TIRED  
BLINKED CROSSED SNOOZING SLOWEST EASY SPRANG FASTEST

There once was a hare who always bragged that he was the \_\_\_\_\_ animal in the forest.

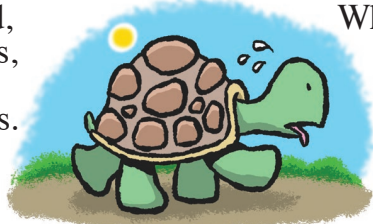
"Not even the wind is as fast as me!" the hare would boast.

The tortoise got \_\_\_\_\_ of such bragging.

"We all have heard you talk and talk about how fast you are, but we have never seen you \_\_\_\_\_. I'll race you," said tortoise.

**GO!** The hare zipped off the starting line in a blur, leaving the tortoise in a puff of dust. The tortoise coughed, \_\_\_\_\_ her eyes, and took the first of her slow, steady steps.

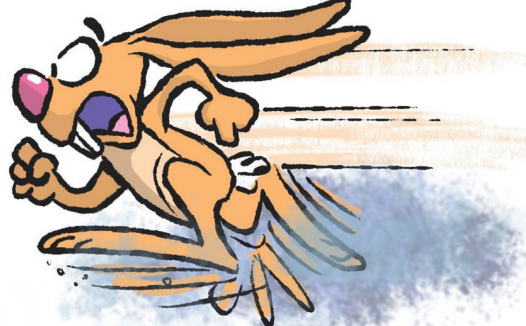
wake up. The tortoise didn't stop. She just kept walking her slow and steady pace.



When the tortoise was nearly to the finish line, the hare woke up. Yawning and rubbing his eyes, he was shocked to see the tortoise \_\_\_\_\_ line.

The hare was soon way ahead, far down the road. The tortoise could hardly see the hare in the distance, but she wasn't worried.

As the hare rounded the bend in the road, he laughed and thought, "This is too \_\_\_\_\_! I'm going to rest. That tortoise is so slow that I'll get up in time and *still* beat her to the finish line!"



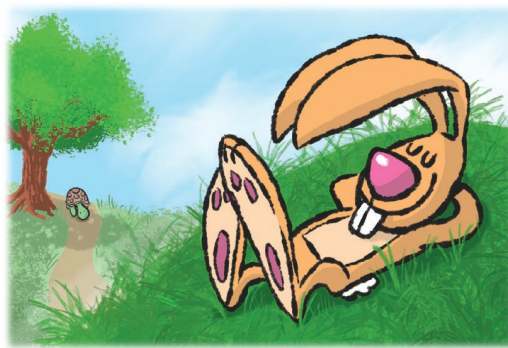
The hare \_\_\_\_\_ to his feet and ran as fast as he could to try catching up to her to \_\_\_\_\_ the race.

**B**ut by then it was much too late. The slow little tortoise \_\_\_\_\_ the finish line first. All of the forest animals cheered loudly for her!



The hare laughed and laughed. "There's no way you can beat me! I am the fastest and you are the \_\_\_\_\_!"

The hare and the tortoise agreed to race the next \_\_\_\_\_. They would race to a big tree down the road and around a bend. Many other animals came out to \_\_\_\_\_.



The hare laid down on the warm, soft grass and fell asleep! Later, when the tortoise walked right by the \_\_\_\_\_ hare, he didn't

### About Aesop

Aesop was a storyteller. He lived about 2,500 years ago in ancient Greece. His favorite story to tell was a **fable**. A fable is a very short story with a **moral**, or a lesson to teach.

Aesop's fable *The Fox and the Grapes* tells about a fox who tries and tries to reach grapes on a high branch. Embarrassed by being unable to jump high enough to reach them, the fox walks off angrily, saying loudly that the grapes are sour and not worth the effort anyway.

Use the code to discover the moral of Aesop's fable *The Tortoise and the Hare*.

▲ = A	▲ = O
■ = C	■ = R
▲ = E	■ = S
■ = I	▲ = T
■ = L	■ = W
■ = N	■ = Y

and  
D  
the

Extra! Extra!

### Strike a Pose

Look at a photo in the newspaper. Can you make the pose of the person in the photo? How long can you hold the pose?

Standards Link: Value physical activity for enjoyment and health.

### Kid Scoop Puzzler

#### There's Lots of Hares in There!

How many hares can you find in two minutes? Have a friend try. Who found the most?



### Double Double Word Search

TORTOISE  
BRAGGED  
FASTEST  
LAUGHED  
SLOWEST  
ASLEEP  
BOAST  
AESOP  
MORAL  
FABLE  
HARE  
BEND  
BEAT  
RACE  
WINS

Find the words in the puzzle. How many of them can you find on this page?

A D E G G A R B E D  
S S O P H B E A T E  
P L F S L A R O M H  
F O A E C A R T P G  
A W S A B T L E E U  
B E T E O E E S W A  
L S E I A L N W I L  
E T S E S R E D N M  
O E T A T R A L S S

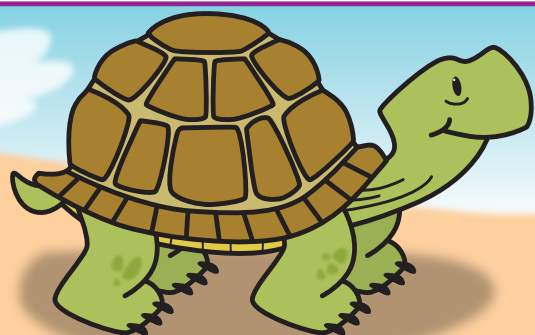
Standards Link: Letter sequencing. Recognize identical words. Skim and scan reading. Recall spelling patterns.

### FROM THE Kid Scoop LESSON LIBRARY

#### Hop Through the News

Hop is a **verb**. It is an action word. Look through the newspaper for 10 or more action verbs such as swim, run, walk, etc. Can you act out each one?

Standards Link: Language Arts: Identify action verbs.



**Why don't tortoises wear scarves?**

ANSWER: Because they have turtle necks!

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