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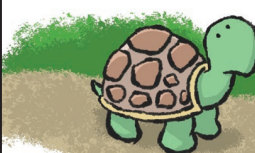
The hare ran so fast some of the words flew out of the story. Can you find where each word belongs?

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

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.

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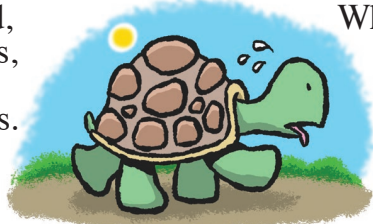
GO! The hare zipped off the starting line in a blur, leaving the tortoise in a puff of dust. The tortoise coughed, _____ her eyes, and took the first of her slow, steady steps.

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!"

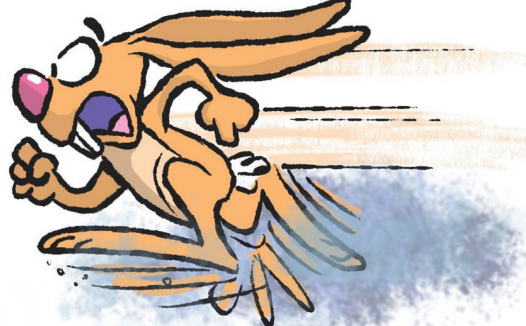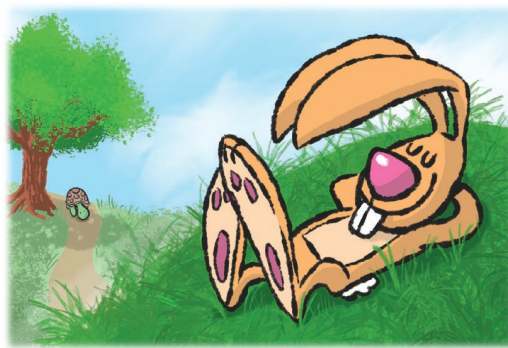The hare laid down on the warm, soft grass and fell asleep! Later, when the tortoise walked right by the _____ hare, he didn't wake up. The tortoise didn't stop. She just kept walking her slow and steady pace.

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 nearing the _____ line.

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

But by then it was much too late. The slow little tortoise _____ the finish line first. All of the forest animals cheered loudly for her!

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. Embarassed 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

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

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

| A	D	E	G	G	A	R	B	E	D
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F	O	A	E	C	A	R	T	P	G
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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.
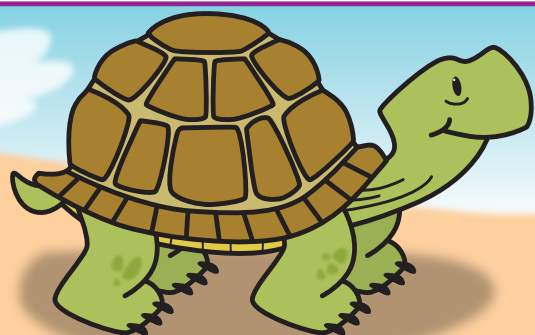
Why don't tortoises wear scarves?

ANSWER: Because they have turtlenecks!