

Name _____



The Hare and the Tortoise

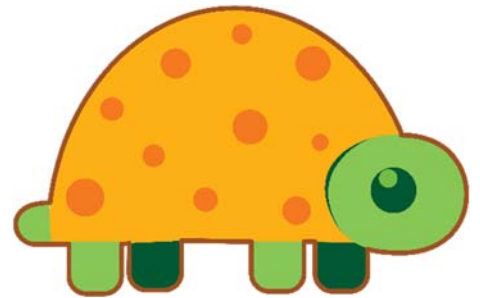
In a forest lived a speedy hare who bragged about how fast he could run. Tired of hearing him boast, a slow and steady tortoise challenged him to a race. All the animals in the forest gathered to watch.

Hare ran down the road for a while and then and paused to rest. He looked back at the tortoise and cried out, "How do you expect to win this race when you are walking along at your slow, slow pace?"

The hare stretched himself out beside the road and fell asleep, thinking, "There is plenty of time to relax."

Meanwhile, the tortoise kept going slowly but steadily. He never quit no matter how hot or tired he got. He just kept going.

Eventually, the hare woke up and began to run again, but to his horror, he saw the tortoise had almost reached the finish line. He ran as fast as he could, but it was too late. The tortoise was over the line.



Slow and steady wins the race.

Questions

1. Who are the main characters in the story?
2. Why did the tortoise challenge the hare to a race?
3. How did the hare behave during the race?
4. What was the tortoise's strategy during the race?
5. What is the moral of the story?