

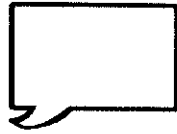
The Tortoise and the Hare

Characters:

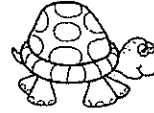
Narrator 1



Narrator 2



Tortoise



Hare



Scene 1

Setting: *It's early afternoon and all the animals in the forest are gathered under a tree. Hare calls for everybody's attention.*



Narrator 1: One afternoon, all the animals were gathered under a tree in the woods listening to Hare brag about how fast he was.



Hare: I'm quicker than lightning and can outrun the wind. In fact, I can beat anyone here.



Narrator 1: He boasted.



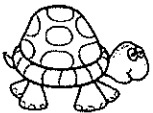
Hare: Who wants to race?



Narrator 1: He continued with confidence. All the other animals looked around at each other wondering if anyone was daring enough to accept Hare's challenge.



Narrator 2: A small voice came from the back of the crowd.



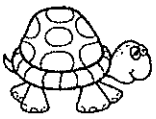
Tortoise: I'll race you.



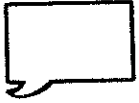
Narrator 1: Hare snickered.



Hare: You? I will run circles around you. You don't even stand a chance.



Tortoise: Well then, let's race,



Narrator 2: Tortoise replied.

Scene 2

Setting: *The race is about to begin on a path through the forest. All the animals gather to watch Tortoise and Hare run.*



Narrator 1: At the starting line, squirrel gave the signal and off went both Tortoise and Hare. In an instant, Hare was down the path and over the hill,



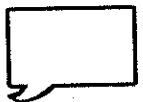
Narrator 2: while Tortoise poked along at a sluggish pace.



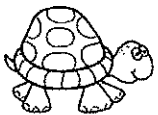
Narrator 1: Soon Hare was far ahead and found himself growing hot and tired. Thinking about how far behind Tortoise was, Hare thought to himself,



Hare: I have plenty of time to take a little nap and still win this race.



Narrator 2: Meanwhile, Tortoise continued putting one step in front of the other.



Tortoise: Slowly but surely, he kept a steady pace on the path as the sun sank in the sky and the shadows of the trees grew longer.



Narrator 1: After a long while, Hare awoke from his nap.



Hare: I wonder where that poky Tortoise is. I'll bet he's still way behind.



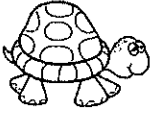
Narrator 1: Hare thought to himself. As Hare stretched and made his way down to the path, he squinted his eyes to see if he could see Tortoise on the path behind him. When he didn't see anything, he peered in the direction of the finish line way up ahead.



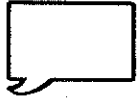
Hare: Oh, no! Tortoise is almost to the end!



Narrator 1: exclaimed Hare, and he ran as fast as his legs would go,



Tortoise: but it was too late.

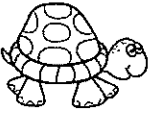


Narrator 2: Tortoise crossed the finish line before Hare could catch up.

EVERYONE: Hurray for Tortoise!



Narrator 1: all the animals cheered.



Tortoise: Hare couldn't believe it,



Hare: Tortoise had won the race.