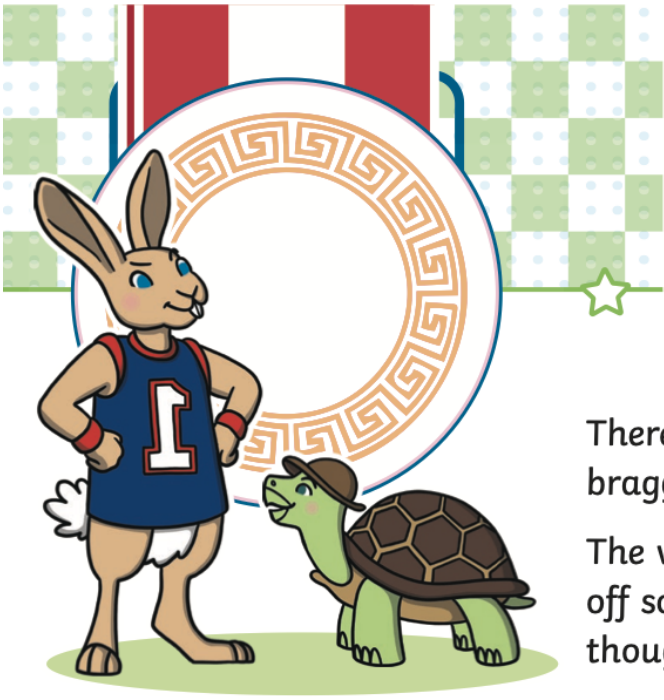


The Tortoise and the Hare



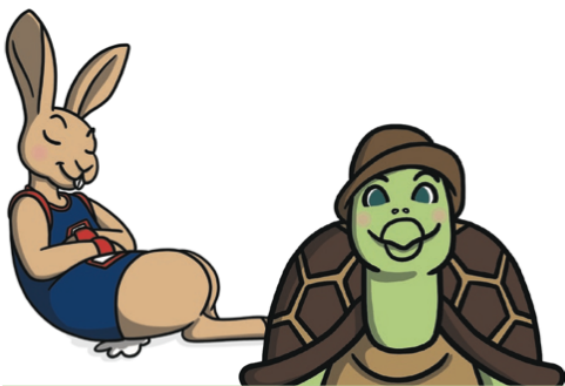
There once was a strong, young hare who bragged about how fast he could run.

The wise tortoise thought he was a show-off so he asked the hare for a race. The hare thought he would easily beat the tortoise.

All of the animals gathered at the finish line to see who would win. The hare dashed ahead as soon as the race started. He stopped for a rest after a little while. **“You are so slow, you will never win!”** he said to the tortoise.

The hare leaned against a tree. **“That tortoise will never beat me!”** he laughed to himself. The hare closed his eyes and was soon asleep.

The tortoise walked slowly past the hare. He didn't give up until he got to the end of the race.



The animals cheered as they saw the tortoise.

“Tortoise, you are the winner!” they shouted happily. The hare heard the cheering and woke up.

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He ran as fast as he could towards the finish line but it was too late. The tortoise had already crossed the line.

“It's not fair!” complained the hare. **“We have to do the race again!”** No one listened to the hare this time.



Questions

1. Which words are used to describe the hare in the first sentence? Tick **two**.

- strong
- thin
- young

2. Why did the hare decide to stop for a rest? Tick one.

- because it was a sunny day
- because he thought that the tortoise would never win
- because his feet were hurting

3. Draw **three** lines and match the sentences.

"It's not fair!"...

as soon as the race started.

The hare dashed ahead...

complained the hare.

The hare heard the cheering...

and woke up quickly.

4. Who won the race?

5. Fill in the missing words.

He didn't _____ until he got to the end of the race.