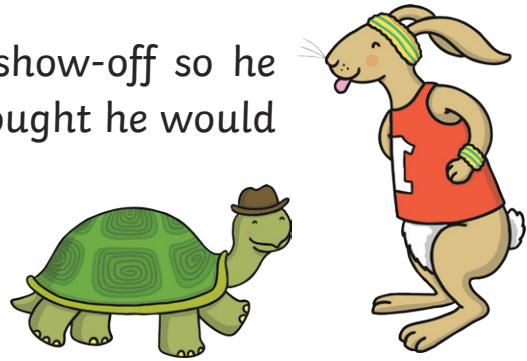


The Tortoise and the Hare

Once, there 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.



As soon as the race started, the hare dashed ahead. After a little while, he stopped for a rest.



“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 soon, he was 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.



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!”

But this time, no-one listened to the hare.

Keep trying, even when things seem hard.

Questions

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

- short
 strong
 thin
 young

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

- because it was a sunny day
 because he thought that the tortoise was so slow that he would never beat him
 because his feet were hurting

3. Draw a line to complete the sentences. One has been done for you.

The tortoise walked slowly	_____	the hare dashed ahead.
"It's not fair!"	_____	and woke up quickly.
As soon as the race started,	_____	complained the hare.
The hare heard the cheering	_____	past the hare.

4. In the story, the tortoise is described as 'wise'. Tick one word which means the same as 'wise'.

- funny
 clever
 angry

5. What is the moral of the story?
