

The Tortoise and the Hare

Once upon a time, there was a proud hare and a wise tortoise that lived together in the forest. The hare ran everywhere quickly and he loved to tease the tortoise as he moved slowly along.

“You are so slow!” the hare laughed loudly. “I get tired just watching you!” The other animals in the forest listened carefully as the wise tortoise replied, “You are very fast, Mr. Hare, but even you can be beaten.”

The hare laughed proudly. “Beaten in a race? By whom? Not you, that’s for sure! I think there’s nobody in the world that can win against me; I’m so fast. Let’s have a race, Mr. Tortoise.” Surprisingly, the tortoise accepted and a race was quickly organized for the next day.

The next morning many animals excitedly came to see the race. Mr. Fox started the race shouting loudly, “On your mark, get set, go!” The hare laughed softly and then suddenly sped away out of sight. The tortoise walked slowly down the path saying over and over, “slowly, slowly wins the race!” The hare ran quickly for a while but eventually became hot and tired and stopped for a drink of water and a short rest in the shade of an extremely large tree.

After two hours, the hare suddenly woke up and looked around, looking for the tortoise. Tortoise was far down the trail, nearing the finish line. The hare jumped up immediately and ran hard toward the finish line. He got closer and closer to the tortoise, but the tortoise crossed the finish line victoriously a few seconds before the hare and all the animals cheered loudly.

Poor hare! Tired and totally ashamed, he sat down silently beside the tortoise that was smiling wisely at him. “Slowly, slowly wins the race!” said tortoise.