

- The Tortoise and the Hare -

"I'm so fast/ that I could beat any animal of the forest/ in a race.//
No one **stands a chance**/ against me!" / **Bragged** the **hare**.//

The tortoise thought to himself/ for a moment. // Then he asked the hare, /
"Why don't you race against me?" // **Snickering arrogantly**, / the hare agreed. //

That afternoon,/ all the animals of the forest/ gathered to watch the big race. //
As soon as the **countdown** ended, / the hare rushed off, / leaving the tortoise in the
dust.// But the tortoise just kept walking. //

As she was running, / the hare spotted a shady tree/ along the path. //
"**Since** I'm so far ahead, / I can rest for a moment/ under this tree", / she thought to
herself,/ and closed her eyes. // Suddenly, she heard a sound. // Was that... **cheering**? //

Looking ahead, / she saw the tortoise had almost reached the finish line! // She
jumped up/and started running/ as fast as she could, / but it was too late. // The slow and
steady tortoise/ won the race. //

「わたしはとても速いから / この森のどんな動物にも勝てるぐらいに / 競走で //
誰にも勝ち目なんか無い! / わたしにはね!」 / と、ウサギは自慢げに言いました //

カメは心の中で考えました / しばらくのあいだ // そして彼はウサギにこう尋ねました /
「だったら、ばくと勝負してみないかい?」 // 傲慢にくすくす笑いながら / ウサギは勝負を受け入れました //

その日の午後 / 森の動物たちみんなが / 大競走を見に集まりました //
合図が終わるが早い / ウサギは勢よく走り出し / カメをはるか後ろに置き去りにしました //

走っている途中で / ウサギは木陰を見つけました / 道のすぐ脇に //
「こんなにリードしてるんだから / ちょっとのあいだ休んでも大丈夫だよ / この木の下で」と、彼女は
心のなかに思い / 目を閉じました // すると突然、何かの音が聞こえます // あれは……歓声? //

前を見ると / カメがゴール目前にいるのが見えます! // 彼女は飛び起きて / 走りはじめましたが /
できる限りの速さで / しかし、もう遅すぎました //

ゆっくりと、着実に進んだカメが / 競走に勝ったのです //

Vocabulary and Phrases

to stand a chance	見込みがある
brag	自慢する
hare	野ウサギ
snicker	くすくす笑う
arrogant	傲慢な
countdown	秒読み
since	～なので
cheering	歓声
steady	着実な

Special Note: "Slow and steady wins the race" is a common English phrase meaning consistent hard work is more important than speed to achieve success.

Total Number of words used

: 166 words

Time for 100 wpm

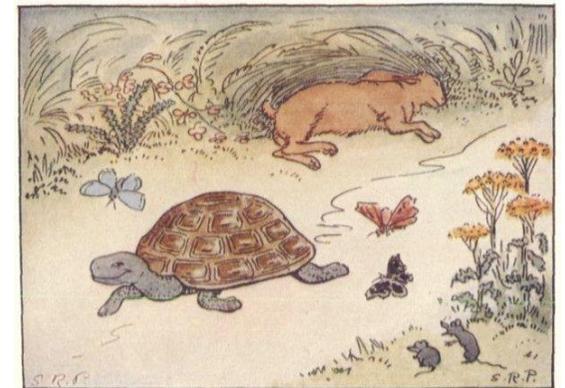
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【Listen & Fill Blank】

“I’m so _____ that I could beat any animal of the forest in a race. No one **stands a chance** against me!” the **hare**.

The tortoise thought to _____ for a moment. Then he asked the hare, “_____ you race against me?” **Snickering arrogantly**, the hare agreed.

That afternoon, all the animals of the forest to watch the big race. As soon as the ended, the hare rushed off, leaving the tortoise in the dust. But the tortoise just kept _____.

As she was running, the hare spotted a tree along the path. “*Since I’m so far _____, I can rest for a moment under this tree*”, she thought _____, and closed her eyes. Suddenly, she heard a sound. Was that... _____?

Looking ahead, she saw the tortoise reached the finish line! She _____ up and started running as fast as she could, but it was _____ late. The _____ and _____ tortoise won the race.

【Q&A / A&Q】

Question 1: What did the animals go to watch that afternoon?

Question 2: Why did the tortoise win the race?

Question 3: Was the hare too confident? Why or why not?

Ask 1: 答えが「cheering」である質問を英語で書いてください

Ask 2: tortoise についての質問を英語で書いてください

Ask 3: 本文について知りたいことを英語で1つ書いてください

Sample Answer 1:

They went to watch the big race.

They went to watch the race between the tortoise and the hare.

Sample Answer 2:

The tortoise won because the hare fell asleep.

The tortoise won because he just kept walking.

Sample Answer 3:

Yes, she was too confident because she fell asleep and lost the race.

No, she was not too confident, but she should not have fallen asleep.

Sample Question 1:

What did the hare hear when she was resting?

What sound woke the hare from her rest?

Sample Question 2:

Why did the tortoise want to race against the hare?

How fast is a tortoise in real life?

Sample Question 3:

Why did the hare agree to race the tortoise?

Are there other animals faster than a hare?

Did the tortoise win any prize?