

READER 1: Aesop, a Greek slave who lived over 2,500 years ago, became famous for his stories called fables.

READER 2: Fables teach a lesson and most use animals, instead of people, as the main characters. In today's story, we have a hare.

READER 1: We have a tortoise.

READER 2: We also have an owl, a fox, and a mouse.

READER 1: And now, we present the fable of The Hare and the Tortoise.

3/HARE: Let me tell you how great I am. I can run so fast that the wind can not keep up with me. Let me tell you how great I am.

4/TORTOISE: You - are - a - fast - runner, - Hare.

3/HARE: Let me tell you how great I am. I am so fast that my shadow has trouble staying close to me. Let me tell you how great I am.

5/FOX: Speed is not always the most important thing.

3/HARE: Let me tell you how great I am. I could run to the end of the earth and back before Tortoise could run to that grape arbor. Let me tell you how great I am.

6/OWL: I think I'll go soaring. My ears are tired.

7/MOUSE: I'm going to look for grain. My ears are tired.

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READER 1: All the animals were tired of hearing the hare brag about his ability as a runner, but the animal who was most annoyed was Tortoise.

3/HARE: Let me tell you how great I am. I could run ten circles around Tortoise before he could, uh - take - uh - two - uh - steps. Let me tell you how great I am.

READER 2: Hare ridiculed Tortoise day after day. He made fun of the way Tortoise walked and the way Tortoise talked.

READER 1: The animals met each morning to talk about their plans for the day. They were friends, and they liked Hare, but they didn't like the way he behaved.

READER 2: One morning, Tortoise surprised all the animals by offering Hare a challenge.

4/TORTOISE: Hare, - I - am - tired - of - hearing - you - brag. I - challenge - you - to - a - race.

3/HARE: Why should we race? Everyone knows who the winner would be.

READER 1: All the animals thought Hare was right.

4/TORTOISE: Fox - can - set - the - course.

5/FOX: I could make up a course, but--

4/TORTOISE: Owl - can - watch - the - race - from - the - sky.