

Read.



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start



Read this silently and then out loud.

THE RACE

One day a little hare was in a meadow.
A little tortoise was there, too.
He was creeping to the river for a swim.
"How slow you are!" said the hare.
"You can not hop. You can only creep.
Look at me! See how fast I hop!"
And the little hare gave a great hop.
"I am slow," said the tortoise.
"But I am sure.
Would you like to run a race with me?"
"Run a race!" cried the hare.
"How foolish that would be!
I hop and you creep.
How can we run a race?"
"Let us try," said the tortoise.
"Let us race to the river.
We shall see who gets there first."

Read.



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Read this silently and then out loud.

"The river is a long way off," said the hare.

"But I shall soon be there. Good-bye!"

Off went the little hare, hop! hop! hop!

Off went the tortoise, creep, creep, creep.

Soon the hare was nearly to the river.

It was a warm day.

"I will rest a little," he said.

So the hare rested and ate some leaves.

Then he felt sleepy.

"It is very warm," he said.

"I will sleep a little.

That foolish old tortoise is slow.

I shall wake up before he creeps here.

Then I can hop to the river.

I shall be there long before he comes."

So the little hare went to sleep.



Read.



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Read this silently and then out loud.

The little tortoise came creeping on.
He did not stop to eat.
He did not stop to sleep.
He went on and on, creep, creep, creep.
By and by he came to the river.
The little hare slept a long time.
Then he woke up with a jump.
"Dear me! I must hop along," he said.
"Where can that slow tortoise be?
He is not here yet."
The little hare hopped
on to the river.
There was the little
tortoise waiting for him!
"Creep and creep
beats hop and sleep!"
said the tortoise.



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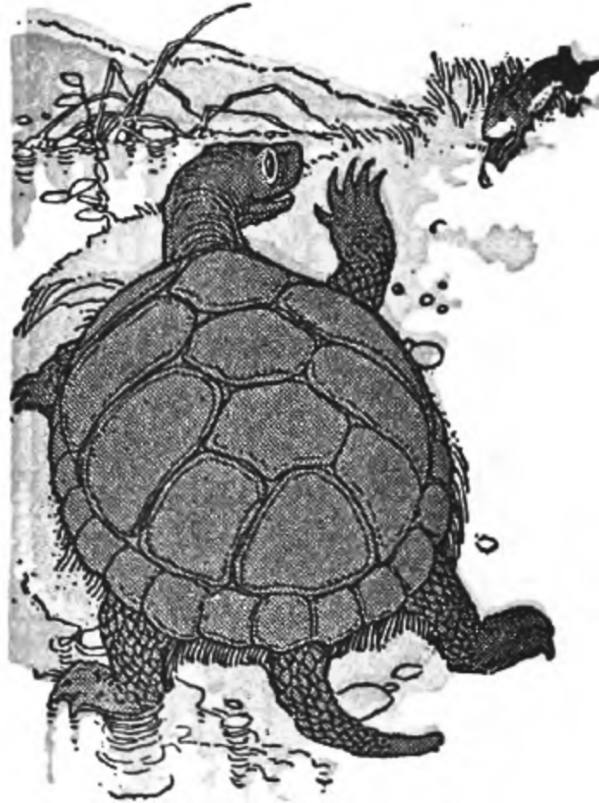
Discuss.



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Teacher instructions: Discuss the illustration and the passage with your learner.



What do you see in the illustration?

Who was racing in the story?

What did the hare do?

What did the tortoise do?

Who won the race?

Write.



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Copy the passage.

There was the little tortoise waiting
for him!

“Creep and creep, beats hop and
sleep!” said the tortoise.

Handwriting practice lines consisting of solid top and bottom lines with a dashed middle line.

Write.



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end



Use the illustration as inspiration to write a sentence.