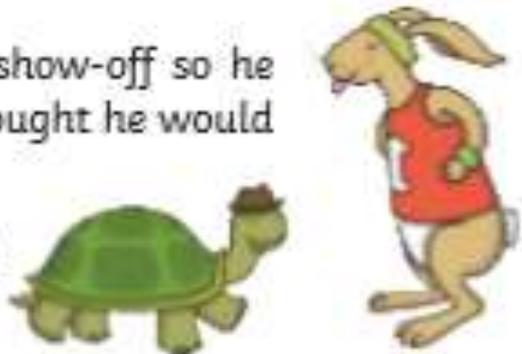


The Tortoise and the Hare

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.

Active Reading 5- Week 2 Questions

Please read this with your child to help them get an understanding of the text.

Day 1- Read the text and talk through words that you do not understand.

Day 2- Re-read the text and talk about the text using the following questions:

1. Who are the characters in this text? A tortoise and a hare
2. Why did the hare think it was easy to win the race? He knew the tortoise would be very slow.
3. What did the tortoise do? He kept going
4. Why did the hare want to do the race again? He has been asleep and thought it wasn't a fair race.

Day 3- Re- read the text and answer the following questions:

1. What is the message in the story? Keep trying, even when things seem hard.
2. Why did the hare decide to stop during the race?
 - a. because it was a sunny day.
 - b. because he thought the tortoise was so slow that he could never beat him.
 - c. because his feet were hurting.
3. What words describe the hare in the first sentence? Strong and young.
4. Draw a line to match the sentences. Use the text to help you and 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.~~

Day 4- Using the text answer these questions:

1. In the story, the tortoise is described as 'wise' in the text. What word means the same as 'wise'?
 - a. funny
 - b. clever
 - c. angry
2. Why did the tortoise want to race the hare?
 - a. because he was tired of listening to him boast.
 - b. because he knew he was a faster runner than the hare.
 - c. because tortoises love racing.
3. What do you think the hare has learnt from the race? Childs own response that fits the story

Day 5- Read for 20 mins and answer some questions about the text that you have read and get an understanding of what has happened.