

Activate or Build Background Knowledge: Discuss/Research the difference between a hare and a rabbit; a tortoise and a turtle. Set purpose: Knowing what you know about these animals, what advantages does a hare have over a tortoise? What advantages does a tortoise have over a hare? Let's read to find out if the author has included any of our information!

The Hare and the Tortoise

Remember! Use examples or descriptions to help students come up with a "kid" definition!

Kid definition: how fast he can go

Kid definition: dare

Kid definition: talking big, showing off, boasting

1 The Hare was once bragging about his speed before the other animals. "I have never yet been beaten when I put forth my full speed," said he. "I challenge anyone here to race with me."

Kid definition: go

2 The Tortoise said quietly, "I will race you."

Aligning assessment & instruction:
✓ What is one question that can be answered in paragraph . . . ?
✓ What is a question you want answered, but the answer can't be found in paragraph . . . ?
✓ What do you think is the most important question in paragraph . . . ?

Word Play! quiet + -ly
Most words that end in -ly are adverbs. Be on the lookout!
What's the difference between quiet and quite?

"That is a good joke," said the Hare. "I could race around you all the way."

4 "Keep your boasting until you've beaten me," answered the Tortoise. "Shall we race?"

Reading/Writing Connection: What everyday word did the author begin with?

5 So a track was fixed, and a starting point was decided. The Hare dashed almost out of sight at once. He soon stopped, however, to show his dislike for the Tortoise and lay down to have a nap. The Tortoise plodded on and plodded on. When the Hare awoke from his nap, he saw the Tortoise almost to the finish line. The Hare could not catch up in time to save the race. Ashamed, the Hare crept away while all the animals at the finish line cheered the winner.

Word Play! Root word = like. Talk about dis- meaning not. What other words can you think of that follow this rule?

Word Play! creep → crept
What other words go from present to past tense and follow this rule?

6 **Moral:** Slow and steady wins the race.

Kid definition: a lesson to be learned