

The rabbit and the turtle

A rabbit was always laughing at a turtle because he couldn't run very fast. The turtle never got mad at the rabbit when the rabbit laughed at him. One day the rabbit said to the turtle "All the animals here know that you can run very fast, so let's run a race"

All the other animals began to laugh at the turtle because they knew that he was very slow, and they thought he was afraid to run a race with the rabbit.

Then the turtle began to get angry, "I'm tired of everyone saying that I'm slow" he said "and if the rabbit wants to run a race, I'm ready"

"You can start here" said the fox "and run as far as that big tree over there in the next field. We're going to be there to meet the one who finishes the race first"

"Ok" said the turtle "Let's start the race"

The rabbit started to run very fast, and soon he was so far from the turtle that he couldn't even see him.

"I'm going to stop for a few minutes and wait until the turtle gets here" said the rabbit. So he sat down on the grass under a big tree. After a while he began to get sleepy; so he lay down on the grass, closed his eyes, and went to sleep.

Sometime later the turtle, going very slowly, passed by the tree and saw the rabbit asleep under it. The rabbit slept and slept. When he woke up, he saw all the animals under the big tree in the field, and he heard the fox telling the other animals that the turtle won the race.

The rabbit ran to the tree, but of course he got there too late. The fox said to him "You lost the race and the turtle won it"



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