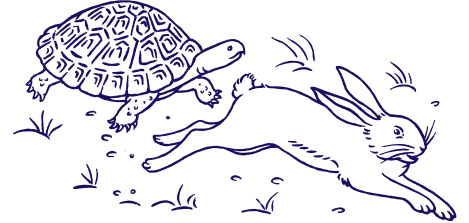


Read a story 1: shortened words

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Read the story 'The hare and the tortoise'.
Look out for shortened forms of words.
Highlight each shortened form.



The hare and the tortoise

One day a hare was boasting to the other animals. "I'm faster than all of you," he said. "Let's have a race. I'll win by a mile."

No one wanted to race the hare. "He's so annoying," they all muttered.

But then the tortoise spoke up. "I'll race you," he said in his slow voice.

"You race me," laughed the hare. "Don't make me laugh."

"I'm not laughing," said the tortoise. "Come on let's race."

So the race began. Off sped the hare and soon he was way, way ahead of the poor tortoise. At the top of the hill, the hare stopped. "It's hot in the sun. I think I'll take a rest. That tortoise can't catch me," he said. And the hare fell asleep under a tree.

The tortoise kept plodding on. He didn't stop. He plodded up the hill. He plodded past the sleeping hare. He plodded towards the finishing line.

Suddenly the hare woke up. But it was too late. The tortoise was crossing the finishing line. "I'm the winner," he said.

All the animals cheered. "We can't believe it. Let's have a party," they shouted.

"It's not fair," complained the hare. "I'm faster than he is." But no one was listening.