

The Tortoise and the Hare

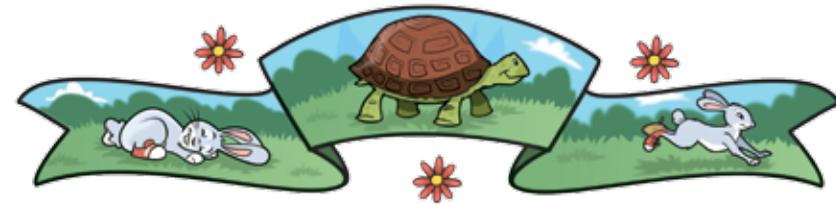
Characters

Narrator
Blue Jay
Frog

Hare
Tortoise
Porcupine

Setting

This reader's theater takes place in the woods. The woods are home to many animals. They are filled with trees, plants, and flowers. A long dirt trail runs through the woods.



Act I

Narrator: The sun has risen over the woods. Noisy Blue Jay cries out. It wakes the animals from a restful sleep.

Blue Jay: Heeere! Heeere! Wake up! Wake up!

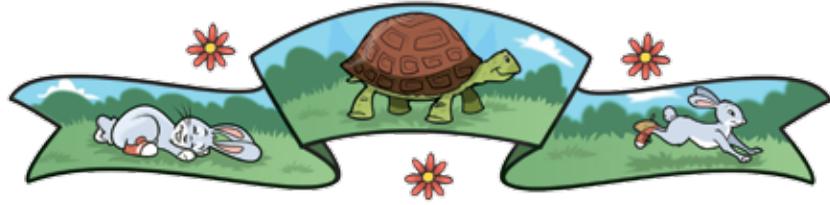
Frog: Yawn! Is it morning already? Ribbit!

Hare: Quiet down, will you? A speedy hare like me needs its rest.

Tortoise: But a tortoise is always happy to wake up and greet the sunrise. Good morning!

Narrator: Hare just wrinkles its nose. Hare doesn't care about the sunshine when it can be sleeping instead.

Blue Jay: It is a nice morning, Tortoise. But sleep is nice, too.



Narrator: Blue Jay worries when the animals argue. Blue Jay tries not to make anyone angry.

Frog: I agree! I agree!

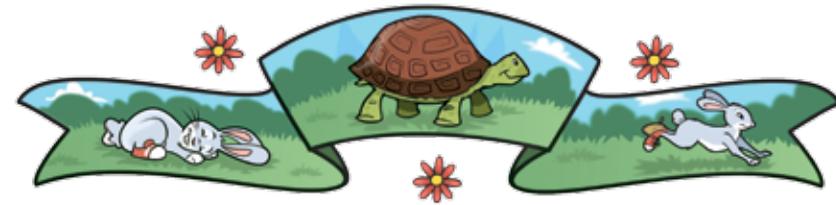
Narrator: And Frog tends to agree with everyone.

Hare: Will you two pipe down? I can't sleep. You should want to take care of me. After all, I am the fastest and the best. Nothing can bring you greater joy than seeing me comfortable and happy.

Tortoise: What a grumpy bunny! You don't know what you're missing. How can you just laze around when there is a great day ahead of you?

Frog: Yes, how can you laze around?

Hare: How? Just watch me! I'll show you how, you old slowpoke.



Frog: Hare will show you, you old slowpoke!

Narrator: And with that, Hare falls back to sleep. But the other animals begin to work and play. They are ready to enjoy the day.

Act 2

Porcupine: Hello there! What are all of you doing?

Tortoise: We are starting the day, old friend. I am glad you are here, Porcupine. You can enjoy the day with me.

Porcupine: I would have been here sooner, but you know how slow I can be.

Tortoise: I don't mind slow! Fast or slow, I am glad to see you.

Blue Jay and Frog: Me, too!