

The Tortoises' Picnic – exercises

Match the phrases

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| 1. a tortoise family decided | a) on the grass |
| 2. Mrs Tortoise made | b) through the trees |
| 3. Young Tara Tortoise liked | c) a lot of sandwiches |
| 4. they reached | d) them best. |
| 5. they laid a cloth | e) their picnic place. |
| 6. We won't begin the picnic | f) to go on a picnic |
| 7. Tara set off | g) while we're waiting |
| 8. Let's eat one sandwich | h) before you get back. |
| 9. Tara popped her head | i) round a tree |

Insert the missing vowels (y, o, e, a, i, u)

nc _p_n _ t_m_, _ t_rt_s_ f_m_l_ d_c_d_d t_ g_ _n _ p_cn_c. Mr
T_rt_s_ b_ght _ l_t _f f_d - t_ns _f m_t _nd f_sh, bttl_s _f
l_m_n_d_ _nd c_k_. Mrs T_rt_s_ m_d_ _ l_t _f s_ndw_ch_s - s_m_ w_th
ch_s_ _nd t_m_t_s_ _nd _ f_w w_th _gg b_c_s_ y_ng T_r_ T_rt_s_
l_k_d th_m b_st. _ft_r thr_ m_nths th_r f_d w_s r_d_ _nd th_y s_t
_ff.

Match the sentences with the right box.

A shaggy dog story is a long joke that takes the form of a story.

It always has a rather silly ending.

Mr Tortoise bought a lot of food.

Past

Mrs Tortoise made a lot of sandwiches.

They unpacked their picnic baskets.

Where's the tin-opener?

Present

We can't open the tins if we haven't got a tin-opener.

We won't begin the picnic before you get back.

Her parents waited.

I'm so hungry.

They picked up a sandwich.

Future