

Reading time 3

START

1  2.27 Read the stories. How many characters are in each story?

Once upon a time, there a rabbit and a tortoise. The rabbit to the tortoise, 'You're the slowest animal in the wood and I'm the fastest!' The tortoise slow, but he clever! The tortoise , 'Let's have a race!' The rabbit happy. He racing.

The Race

The rabbit *quickly, quickly, quickly*, and the tortoise *slowly, slowly, slowly*. The rabbit , 'This is easy. I'm much faster than that slow, old tortoise! And I'm hungry!' So he down under a big tree. He carrot sandwiches and a cup of tea. 'Yummy, that good!' the rabbit. But then the rabbit sleepy and he asleep.

The tortoise slowly past the rabbit. 'Hmm,' he . 'Look at the rabbit sleeping. I'm walking slowly, but I'm not tired!'

Suddenly, the rabbit up. 'Oh no! I asleep for a long time.' The rabbit *quickly, quickly, quickly*, but do you know who was at the finishing line? The tortoise! 'Ha! Ha!' all the animals. 'The tortoise is the winner!' The rabbit , too. 'Yes, well done, Tortoise!'

FINISH