

## LANGUAGE FOCUS

### CLASSWORK

#### 1 Read the fable and circle the best title. 44

One day a woodcutter was cutting down trees in the forest next to a river. He stopped to rest and accidentally dropped his ax into the water.

The woodcutter was very sad. He needed his ax to work. He planned to buy a new house for his family. Suddenly, a beautiful water fairy appeared.

"What's the matter?" she asked.

"My ax is in the river, and now I can't work!" the woodcutter replied.

"Don't worry," the fairy said.

She took an ax of silver and an ax of gold from the river. She offered them to the woodcutter. But he didn't accept them because they weren't his axes. Then the fairy pulled out his ax.

"That's my ax!" the woodcutter said.

"Yes, it is," the fairy said. "And you deserve to have the silver and gold axes, too, because you are honest." She gave the axes to the man, and he was very happy.

Adapted from *The Honest Woodsman* by Jean de la Fontaine

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#### Stick the pictures in order.

1	2	3
4	5	6

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#### Use the verbs to label the pictures.

planned to buy

deserved to have

dropped into

appeared

stopped to rest

didn't accept

2 Use the phrases to describe the animals. 🌿



long ears

slow

short legs

fast

fur

shell



3 Read and answer the question. 45

What happened to the hare? \_\_\_\_\_

### The Hare and the Tortoise

Once upon a time, there was a hare. He enjoyed running. And he could run very fast.

"Look at me!" he said one day. "I have long, strong legs, and I can run very fast!"

The hare saw the tortoise and made fun of him. "You have very short legs," he said.

"And you run sooooo slowly!"

The tortoise was angry, and he suggested having a race. "Yes, you are fast," he said.

"But I can beat you."

"What a great joke!" said the hare. "Let's race, then!"

On the day of the race, the tortoise and the hare started running together. The tortoise walked slowly, but with a constant, steady pace. The hare ran fast, but he felt like sleeping, so he stopped to rest.

When he woke up, he continued running. He ran as fast as he could, but the tortoise was already the winner.

◆ Read and fill in the blanks with *hare* or *tortoise*.

1. The \_\_\_\_\_ could run very fast.

4. The \_\_\_\_\_ stopped to rest.

2. The \_\_\_\_\_ was very slow.

5. The \_\_\_\_\_ didn't stop walking.

3. The \_\_\_\_\_ suggested having a race.

6. The \_\_\_\_\_ won the race.

◆ Unscramble the words to complete the moral of the fable.

\_\_\_\_\_ (woSl) and steady wins the \_\_\_\_\_ (cear).

He enjoyed  
running.