

The talkative Tortoise

Group 3

The tortoise heard this and wanted to say, "I am a tortoise! I'm flying!" He opened his mouth to say it and fell to the ground. "It's a dead tortoise!" said the king. " Why did it fall from the sky?"

The wise man answered, "This talkative tortoise couldn't hold onto the stick because he couldn't keep his mouth shut. Great king, this shows us how bad it is to talk too much." The king said, "I understand you, my friend," and after that he became a wiser and less talkative king.

Activity 1. Match these adjectives with people and animals

talkative wise kind excited young surprised good silly

The tortoise	The birds	The king	The king's friends

Activity 2. Choose the correct answer

1. The story is ...
 - instructive;
 - true;
 - about the zoo.
2. The king's problem was that he was...
 - not good;
 - too talkative;
 - very wise.
3. The birds asked the tortoise to...

- carry a stick;
- carry them;
- go to the mountain with them.

4. The tortoise ... because he spoke.

- flew;
- died;
- bit the stick.

5. The king saw the tortoise

- spoke;
- fell down;
- shut its mouth.

6. After seeing the tortoise falling, the king...

- didn't like animals;
- talked to the birds;
- didn't talk as much.

Activity 3. Solve the puzzles and find the secret words

