

# The Tortoise and The Hare



Complete the story with the past simple form of the verbs

There once \_\_\_\_\_ (is) a speedy Hare who \_\_\_\_\_ (brag) about how fast he could run. Suddenly, he \_\_\_\_\_ (see) a Tortoise walking slowly with a heavy shell on his back. He \_\_\_\_\_ (laugh) at the tortoise and \_\_\_\_\_ (mock) him for his slow speed. The tortoise \_\_\_\_\_ (stretch) out his long neck and \_\_\_\_\_ (challenge) the hare to a race which of course, \_\_\_\_\_ (make) the hare laugh. "A race, indeed a race" "Oh! What fun! My, my! a race of course, Mr. Tortoise, we shall race!" \_\_\_\_\_ (say) the Hare arrogantly.

All the animals in the forest \_\_\_\_\_ (gather) to watch. The race \_\_\_\_\_ (begin) and the Hare, being such a swift runner soon \_\_\_\_\_ (leave) the Tortoise far behind. He \_\_\_\_\_ (look) back at the Tortoise and \_\_\_\_\_ (cry) out, "How does he expect to win this race when he's walking along at such a slow, slow pace". He \_\_\_\_\_ (decide) that he \_\_\_\_\_ (has) time to take a little nap and he \_\_\_\_\_ (cuddle) up against a tree and \_\_\_\_\_ (doze).

Meanwhile, the Tortoise \_\_\_\_\_ (walk) and \_\_\_\_\_ (walk). He never ever \_\_\_\_\_ (stop) until he \_\_\_\_\_ (come) to the finish line. The animals who \_\_\_\_\_ (are) watching \_\_\_\_\_ (cheer) so loudly for Tortoise, they \_\_\_\_\_ (wake) up the Hare. "Time to get going." he \_\_\_\_\_ (think) and of he \_\_\_\_\_ (go) faster than he \_\_\_\_\_ (has) ever run before! He \_\_\_\_\_ (dash) as quickly as anyone ever could up to the finish line where he \_\_\_\_\_ (meet) the tortoise, who was patiently awaiting his arrival.