

## The Tortoises' Picnic – exercises

### Match the phrases

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)

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l\_m\_n\_d\_ \_nd c\_k\_. Mrs T\_rt\_s\_ m\_d\_ \_ l\_t \_f s\_ndw\_ch\_s - s\_m\_ w\_th  
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\_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**