

It's a beautiful Sunday morning. The sun is shining, the birds are singing and a lot of animals are playing in the forest. A Hare is laughing at a Tortoise.

"Your legs are so short and you walk very slowly!" says the Hare to the Tortoise.

"You may be faster, but I bet I can beat you in a race," says the Tortoise.

"Ha, ha, that's impossible!" replies the Hare.

1. What's the weather like?

- A) It's rainy.
- B) It's cold.
- C) It's sunny.
- D) It's snowy.
- E) It's stormy.

2. Where are the animals?

- A) In the forest.
- B) At the zoo.
- C) At the seaside.
- D) In the jungle.
- E) On a farm.

3. What is a hare?

- A) An insect.
- B) A bird.
- C) A plant.
- D) An animal.
- E) A fish.

4. Look at the picture! Who are playing with a ball?

- A) The Hedgehog.
- B) The Squirrels.
- C) The Hare and the Tortoise.
- D) The Mouse.
- E) The Fox and the Badger.

5. ... two squirrels in the picture.

- A) There are
- B) They are
- C) They aren't
- D) There aren't
- E) It's

6. The Hare and the Tortoise ...

- A) is talking
- B) are sitting
- C) is running
- D) are talking
- E) are sleeping

7. Who suggests the race?

- A) The Hare.
- B) The Tortoise.
- C) The Fox.
- D) The Badger.
- E) The Butterfly.

8. Look at the picture! ... is flying around in the air.

- A) Two birds
- B) A butterfly
- C) A butterfly and a ladybird
- D) A plane
- E) All flowers

9. The opposite of **win** is ...

- A) stop
- B) run
- C) get
- D) lose
- E) give

10. What is not true?

You can't see any ... in the picture.

- A) flowers
- B) rivers
- C) frogs
- D) children
- E) benches



The next day, all the animals in the forest come to watch the race. The Fox decides on the course and tells them the rules of the race.

"I'll be waiting for you at the finish line. Good luck!" says the Fox.

The Hare and the Tortoise start the race together.

11. On what day is the race?

- A) On Sunday.
- B) On Saturday.
- C) On Monday.
- D) On Tuesday.
- E) On Wednesday.

12. What is a course?

- A) A rule.
- B) An animal.
- C) A plant.
- D) A game.
- E) A route.

13. Look at the picture! The Fox has ...

- A) a new skirt
- B) a hat and a belt
- C) a short tail and long ears
- D) short ears and a long tail
- E) a short tail and small ears

14. Find the false sentence.

- A) The Fox doesn't tell the rules.
- B) The Fox is waiting at the finish line.
- C) The Hare and the Tortoise start the race together.
- D) All the animals are in the forest.
- E) The Fox wishes good luck.

The Hare runs so fast that soon the animals can't see him anymore. The Tortoise is slow but determined.

The Hare, who is far ahead, laughs and says: "I don't have to hurry. The Tortoise can't possibly win the race!"

The Hare looks back and he can't see the Tortoise anymore.

"He will never catch me! I think I will sit down and get some sleep," says the Hare.

15. The Tortoise ... run very fast.

- A) will
- B) can't
- C) does
- D) has
- E) can

16. The Hare sits down to ...

- A) eat
- B) dance
- C) rest
- D) look back
- E) play

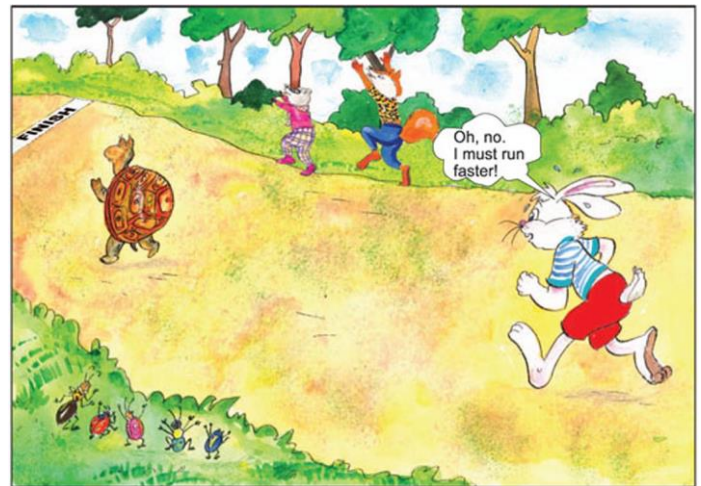
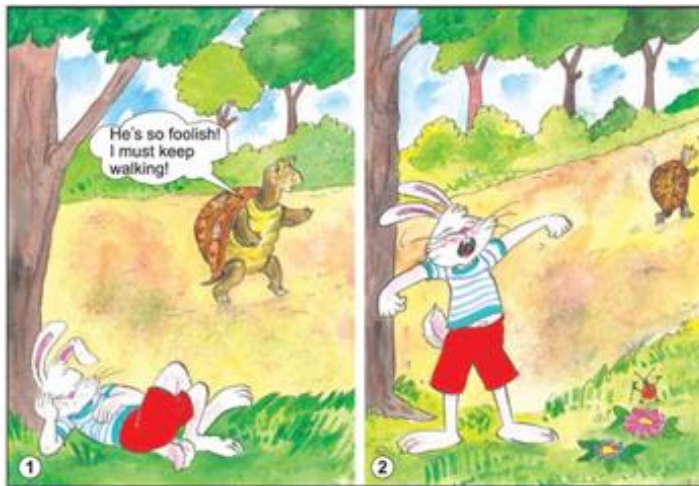
17. A snail is ... a squirrel.

- A) slow
- B) fast as
- C) slower than
- D) fastest than
- E) slowest of

18. The Hare feels very ... , because he can run fast.

- A) silly
- B) sad
- C) proud
- D) bad
- E) quickly





The Tortoise keeps walking and soon he sees the Hare who is sleeping by the side of the road. He passes him without a sound.

Suddenly the Hare wakes up. He stretches and yawns.

"Now I will finish the race and I will be the winner!" says the Hare.

19. Look! The Hare is sleeping ... a tree.

- A) in
- B) under
- C) on
- D) to
- E) next

20. **Without a sound** means ... .

- A) quickly
- B) loudly
- C) usually
- D) rarely
- E) silently

21. The Hare is wearing ... .

- A) a jacket
- B) shorts
- C) a cap
- D) a black T-shirt
- E) father's shoes

22. When you are sleepy, you ... .

- A) run
- B) yawn
- C) laugh
- D) cough
- E) walk

The Hare starts running again. He sees the Tortoise close to the finish line. The Hare runs as fast as he can, but he can't reach the Tortoise.

23. The Hare gets up and ... continues the race.

- A) before
- B) then
- C) by
- D) after
- E) because

24. Which is the odd one out?

- A) aunt
- B) bee
- C) fly
- D) mosquito
- E) ladybird

25. A synonym for **close to** is ... .

- A) shut
- B) near
- C) far
- D) away
- E) open

26. Does the Hare reach the Tortoise?

- A) Yes, he does.
- B) Yes, he is.
- C) No, he does.
- D) No, he doesn't.
- E) No, he isn't.



There is a lot of noise and all the animals start to cheer. "Keep going, old friend!" says the Badger. The Tortoise finally crosses the finish line and he wins the race.

The Tortoise is very happy now. "It's not fair," says the Hare. "Let's run the race again. Not fair." Poor Hare! Nobody is listening to him.

27. Find the false sentence.

- A) The Tortoise loses the race.
- B) The Hare stops to sleep during the race.
- C) The Fox decides on the course of the race.
- D) The Hare can run very fast.
- E) The Tortoise wins the race.

28. Which word rhymes with **race**?

- A) reach
- B) place
- C) racket
- D) peace
- E) palace

29. Unscramble the following words in order to make a true sentence from the story.

1. the
2. loses
3. Hare
4. race
5. The

- A) 1/3/2/5/4
- B) 1/2/3/4/5
- C) 5/3/2/1/4
- D) 3/1/2/5/4
- E) 5/4/2/1/3

30. All the animals are ... .

- A) sitting
- B) satisfied
- C) sleeping
- D) angry
- E) running

31. How does the Hare feel now?

- A) happy
- B) excited
- C) delighted
- D) upset
- E) thrilled

32. The Hare thinks the result of the race is ... .

- A) wrong
- B) nice
- C) funny
- D) OK
- E) correct

33. The Hare wants to ... .

- A) go home
- B) repeat the race
- C) sleep in a tree
- D) listen to the Fox
- E) celebrate

34. "The Hare and the Tortoise" is a fable written by ... .

- A) La Fontaine
- B) Brothers Grimm
- C) Aesop
- D) Charles Perrault
- E) Hans Christian Andersen



35. **A:** I'd like some milk.  
**B:** ... do you want?
- A) How old  
B) How many  
C) How come  
D) How much  
E) How are you
36. Can you ... a horse?
- A) go by  
B) ride  
C) drive  
D) fly  
E) run
37. **It's ten to nine.** What does it mean?
- A) 8.50  
B) 10.09  
C) 9.10  
D) 7.10  
E) 10.10
38. Listen! ... .
- A) Does the phone ring?  
B) Is the phone ringing?  
C) Does the phone ringing?  
D) The phone is ringing?  
E) Are the phone ringing?
39. Dave has chocolate ice cream for ... .
- A) Monday  
B) cake  
C) desert  
D) dessert  
E) hungry
40. How often do you play tennis?
- A) On Tuesday.  
B) For two hours.  
C) Almost every day.  
D) With John.  
E) In the morning.