

The Hare & the Tortoise

A Hare was making fun of the Tortoise one day for being so slow.

"Do you ever get anywhere?" he asked with a mocking laugh.

"Yes," replied the Tortoise, "and I get there sooner than you think. I'll run you a race and prove it."

The Hare was much amused at the idea of running a race with the Tortoise, but for the fun of the thing he agreed. So the Fox, who had consented to act as judge, marked the distance and started the runners off.

The Hare was soon far out of sight, and to make the Tortoise feel very deeply how ridiculous it was for him to try a race with a Hare, he lay down beside the course to take a nap until the Tortoise should catch up.



The Tortoise meanwhile kept going slowly but steadily, and, after a time, passed the place where the Hare was sleeping. But the Hare slept on very peacefully; and when at last he did wake up, the Tortoise was near the goal. The Hare now ran his swiftest, but he could not overtake the Tortoise in time.



The race is not always to the swift.



Example to model with upper elementary educators

Name: _____ Date: _____ Cause-and-Effect Guide Unit: _____ Topic: _____

1 Restated question:
In *The Tortoise and the Hare*, why did (what caused) the tortoise win the race?

2 Key Terms: Tortoise- a slow-moving, land-based turtle
Hare- a fast-moving, rabbit-like mammal
Mock - make fun of
Course- the path a race is run on

4 Causes & Connections:

- Hare teases tortoise about moving slowly
- ↓ causing
- Tortoise challenges Hare to a race
- ↓ then
- Hare mocks Tortoise by stopping along the course to take a nap

allowing

3 Event & Background Information:

Tortoise wins the race

Details

Who: Tortoise vs Hare

What: Tortoise crosses finish line first

When: after Hare makes fun of Tortoise's speed

Where: on a course made by Fox

5 Effects & Connections:

6 Answer: In *The Tortoise and the Hare*, Hare teased Tortoise about moving slowly causing Tortoise to challenge him to a race. Hare started off quickly then mocked the tortoise by taking a nap along the course. While Hare was sleeping, Tortoise passed him. Hare's nap allowed Tortoise to cross the finish line first, winning the race.