



The Tortoise

Determination

There once was a speedy hare who bragged about how fast he could run. Tired of hearing him boast, Tortoise, who was known for being steady, thorough and keen to do his best, challenged him to a race. All the animals in the forest gathered to watch.

Hare ran down the road for a while and then paused to rest. He looked back at Tortoise and cried out, "How do you expect to win this race when you are walking along at your slow, slow pace?"

Hare stretched himself out alongside the road and fell asleep, thinking, "There is plenty of time to relax, Tortoise is so steady that he will never beat me."

Tortoise walked and walked. He never, ever stopped until he came to the finish line.

Tortoise knew that determination would see him right. This behaviour had always helped him succeed in the past.

The animals who were watching cheered so loudly for Tortoise, they woke up Hare!

Hare stretched and yawned and began to run again, but it was too late. Tortoise was over the line.

After that, Hare always reminded himself, "Don't brag about your lightning pace, for being determined won the race!"