

## The Tortoise and the Hare

There once was a hare who was unkind to a tortoise. The hare ran fast and was a show-off. He always boasted. He made fun of the poor tortoise's slow pace. The tortoise tried not to listen to the hare.

Then one day the tortoise got tired of being teased. "I'm going to put a stop to all of this teasing," he thought. He said to the hare, "Let's have a race."

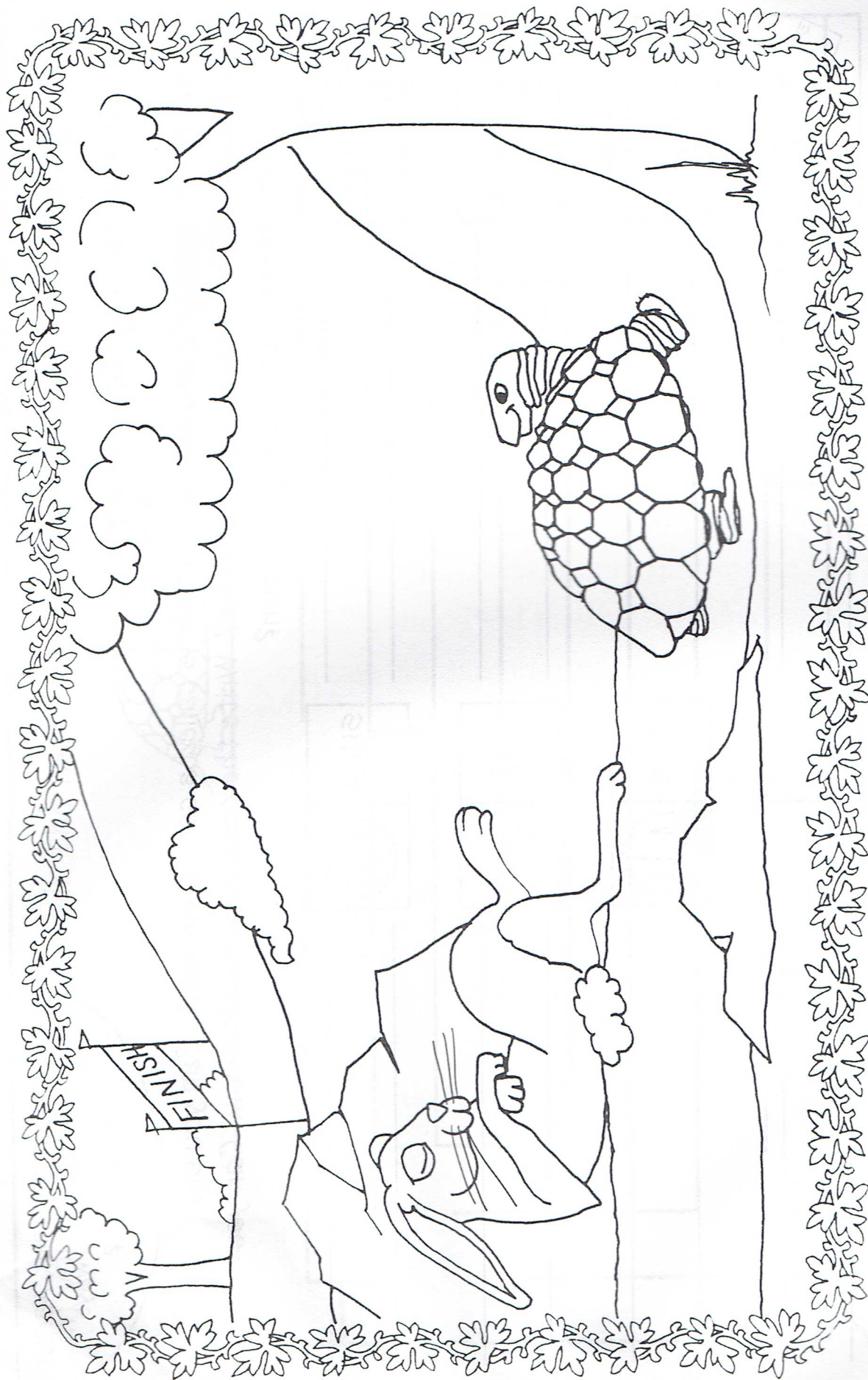
The hare was surprised. He replied, "That's silly. You know I can run much faster than you." Still, the hare agreed to the race because the other animals were listening.

The animals set the course for the race. The fox was the judge. The fox said, "On your mark, get set, go!" The hare sped off. The tortoise slowly plodded along. He did not hurry but kept right on moving. The hare was so far ahead that he decided he could take it easy. He laid down in some tall grass. Soon he fell asleep. The tortoise passed the sleeping hare on his way to the finish line. The surprised hare awoke with a start. He heard clapping and cheers. The slow tortoise had won the race.

**Moral: Slow and steady wins the race.**

### Words to know:

boasted	course	unkind	pace
hare	judge	surprised	plodded
teased	tortoise	sped	clapping
cheers			



Write a sentence about the picture. Color the picture.

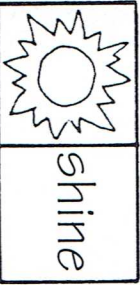


Was the tortoise a slowpoke?

Did the rabbit stop to daydream?

A word made by putting two words together is called a compound word. Can you see the compound word in each sentence above? Write the compound words below. Can you make up some compound words of your own?

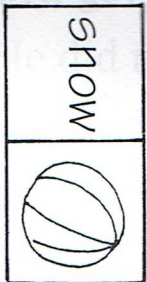
SOMETHING TO THINK ABOUT  
Is it important always  
to be first?



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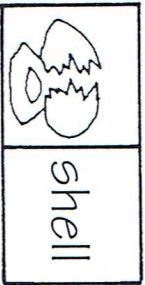
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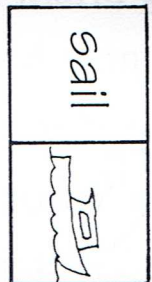
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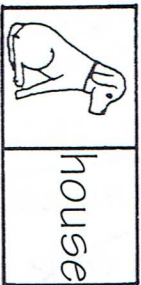
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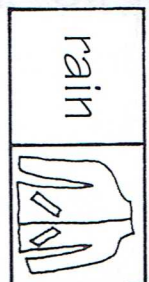
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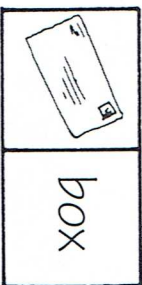
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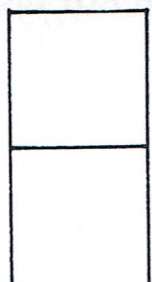
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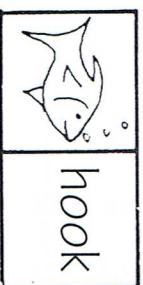
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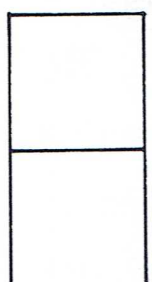
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Can you help the tortoise win the race?



START



FINISH!

