

THE OLYMPICS FOR ANIMALS

Once a hare* and a tortoise* started at the Olympic Games for Animals.

The hare was very proud of his speed. He made fun of the tortoise for his slow speed.

"I have never lost a race. I challenge* any one here to race with me."

The tortoise said "OK! I will race! I accept your challenge."

"That is a good joke," said the Hare; "I could dance around you all the way."

"Keep your boasting* until you have won," answered the Tortoise. "Shall we race?"



All the animals went to the Olympic Forest.

The race started.

The crow was the referee. He flew one hundred meters above the forest.

The hare ran very fast. The tortoise was left much behind.

The hare was already half way, when the tortoise had walked the first ten meters.

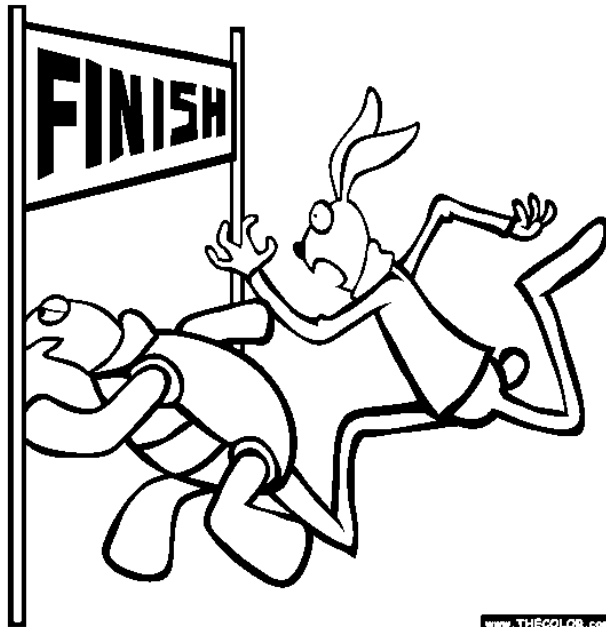
The hare stopped for a few minutes to take rest under a tree. He had all the time in the world. But the fool fell asleep!

The tortoise passed him and reached the finish-line.

The hare woke up and ran as fast as he could.

But the tortoise crossed the finish-line. He had won the race and the gold medal.

Then the Tortoise said: "When you go slow but steady*, you can beat the world!"



***Difficult Words:**

Hare = haas	Tortoise = schildpad
Challenge = uitdaging	Boasting = opscheppen
Steady = steeds maar doorgaan	



Look at the pictures. The story of the hare and the tortoise is completely mixed up:
Write the numbers in the correct order:

There are three animals in the story. The hare, the tortoise and

A lot of animals!
Write down the English words.

