LESSON PLAN

The Tortoise and the Hare

GRADES	TIME	READING LEVEL
2–4	50 min	1

Lesson flow



5 min

Opening Hook

Ask who has ever rushed something and had to start again. Share quick examples, then ask whether being fastest always means finishing first.

15 min

Story Exploration

Read the story aloud. Pause when the Hare lies down and ask pupils to predict what will happen. Finish the story and recap the events in order.

15 min

Analysis Exercises

In pairs, pupils list what the Hare did and what the Tortoise did, then explain which choice decided the race.

10 min

Application/Reflection

Pupils write about something they got better at by keeping going, even when it was slow.

5 min

Assessment Strategy

Ask pupils to explain the moral in their own words and point to one moment in the story that proves it.

STORY OVERVIEW

- **Title and Moral**: The Tortoise and the Hare - "Slow and steady wins the race."
- **Plot Summary**: A boastful hare challenges a slow tortoise to a race, takes a nap halfway, and wakes to find the tortoise crossing the finish line.

LESSON FUNDAMENTALS

- **Learning Objectives**:
  - Retell the story in order, using first, then and last.
  - Identify the moral and find two details that show it.
  - Compare the choices the Hare and the Tortoise make.
- **Discussion Questions**:
  1. Why did the Hare stop to rest during the race?
  2. What does the Tortoise do that the Hare does not?
  3. When is it better to go slowly and carefully than to rush?
- **Required Materials**:
  - Copies of the story

- Whiteboard and markers
- Paper for notes and reflections

✓ Original text available on the story page.