Compare Stories

Grade 3 Reading Worksheet - Building Confidence

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Two Race Stories

Story 1: The Hare and the Tortoise

"I am the fastest animal around, and you are so slow!" Hare said to Tortoise. "Let's race to the big rock." Tortoise agreed.

Hare dashed ahead. Soon he was far in front. "I have lots of time," he said. He lay down for a nap under a tree.

Tortoise kept walking, one slow step at a time. He passed the sleeping Hare. When Hare woke up, Tortoise was already at the rock.

Story 2: The Deer and the Snail

Deer bragged that she was the fastest animal in the valley. Snail said, "I can beat you in a race along the river."

Before the race, Snail asked his snail cousins for help. They hid all along the path. Deer ran and ran. Each time she called, "Snail, where are you?" a snail ahead of her answered, "Here I am!"

At last, Deer was so tired that she gave up. Snail won with a clever trick.

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   A slow animal beats a fast animal in a race.

   A fast animal wins a race by running hard.

   Two friends share a prize after a race.

2. How does the slow animal win in Story 1?

   He asks his cousins to hide on the path.

   He keeps going while Hare naps.

   He takes a shortcut along the river.

3. How does the slow animal win in Story 2?

He keeps walking while Deer sleeps.

He starts the race before Deer is ready.

He uses his cousins to trick Deer.

4. Which fast animal takes a nap?

Deer in Story 2 Hare in Story 1 both fast animals

5. How are the fast animals in both stories alike?

Both help the slow animal finish.

Both win their races easily.

Both brag about how fast they are.

6. Where does Story 2 take place?

on a path to a big rock in a busy town square along a river in a valley

7. Which lesson fits Story 1 better than Story 2?

Friends should always help each other.

A clever trick can beat a fast runner.

Slow, steady effort can win.

8. Hare dashed ahead. What does dashed mean?

fell asleep ran very fast walked slowly

9. What is different about how the fast animals lose?

Hare wakes up too late, but Deer gives up.

Both fast animals fall asleep under a tree.

Hare gives up, but Deer wakes up too late.

10. In which story does the slow animal get help from others?

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