

## THE HARE AND THE TORTOISE



A hare was making fun of the turtle one day for being so slow.

"Do you ever get anywhere?" he asked with a mocking laugh.

"Yes," answered the turtle, "and I get there sooner than you think. I'll run you a race and prove it."

The hare was much amused at the idea of running a race with the turtle, but he agreed for the fun. So the fox acted as judge, marked the distance and started the runners off.

The hare was soon far out of sight, and to make the turtle feel very deeply how ridiculous it was for him to try a race with a hare, he lay down beside the course to take a nap until the turtle should catch up.

Meanwhile, the turtle kept going slowly but steadily, and, after a time, passed the place where the hare was sleeping. But the hare was sleeping very peacefully; and when at last he did wake up, the turtle was near the goal. The hare now ran his swiftest, but he couldn't overtake the turtle in time.



## You can't please everyone

One day a man was going to market with his son and his ass. They met a couple on the way.

"Why do you walk when you have an ass to ride?" called out the husband, "seat the boy on the ass."

"I would like that," said the boy, "help me up, father, please."

And the father did that happily.

Soon, they met another couple. "How shameful of you!" cried the woman, "let your father ride, won't he be tired?"

So the boy got down and the father rode the ass. Again, they continued their way.

"Poor boy", said the next person they met, "why should the lazy father ride while his son is walking?"

So the boy got onto the ass too. As they went on, they met some travellers.

"How cruel of them!" They are up to kill the poor ass!" cried one of the travellers.

Hearing this, the father and the son got down. Now they decided to carry the ass on their shoulders. As they did so, the travellers broke into laughter.

The laughter frightened the ass. It broke free and galloped away.

