

The Hare and the Tortoise

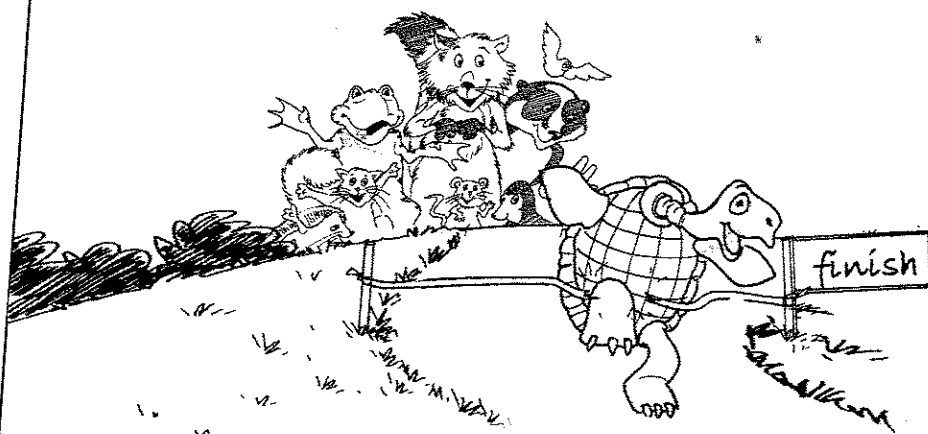
by Aesop

Hare was one day making fun of Tortoise for being so slow upon his feet.

"Wait a bit," said Tortoise; "I'll run a race with you, and I'll wager that I win."

"Oh, well," replied Hare, who was much amused at the idea, "let's try and see"; and it was soon agreed that Fox should set a course for them, and be the judge.

When the time came both started off together, but Hare was soon so far ahead that he thought he might as well have a rest: so down he lay and fell fast asleep. Meanwhile Tortoise kept plodding on, and in time reached the goal. At last Hare woke up with a start, and dashed on at his fastest, but only to find that Tortoise had already won the race.



Slow and steady wins the race.