

# The Hare and the Tortoise

**This task is about adding words to a text so that it makes sense.**

The following piece of writing has some spaces where words are missing.

First, read the whole piece of writing through to get an idea of what it is about. Then fill each space with **ONE** word so that the whole piece of writing makes sense. You are able to change answers as you go.

When you have filled in all the spaces, re-read the text to check that the whole piece of writing makes sense.

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Hare was very proud of how swiftly he could run and boasted that he could beat any other animal in a race.

But no one chose to accept  <sup>1</sup> challenge.

Then Tortoise quietly said, "I'll  <sup>2</sup> against you." Laughing loudly, Hare agreed,  <sup>3</sup> how foolish Tortoise was even to  <sup>4</sup> to beat someone like him.

The  <sup>5</sup> began, and Hare darted off. He  <sup>6</sup> soon out of sight.

"I'm so  <sup>7</sup> ahead", he thought, "I'll take a  <sup>8</sup> nap just to show poor old  <sup>9</sup> I'm not taking this race at  <sup>10</sup> seriously." And so he lay down  <sup>11</sup> a tree, confident that he would  <sup>12</sup> without even trying.

Slowly Tortoise plodded  <sup>13</sup>. He passed the sleeping Hare barely  <sup>14</sup> in his direction. He looked straight  <sup>15</sup>, eyes on the finish line, and continued his slow, steady progress. When Hare  <sup>16</sup> from his nap, he saw Tortoise  <sup>17</sup> the finish line. Leaping to his  <sup>18</sup> he raced like the wind, but  <sup>19</sup> was too late. Tortoise crossed the  <sup>20</sup> line ahead of him. Which just  <sup>21</sup> to show that 'slow and steady  <sup>22</sup> the race'.