

# THE CLEVER TORTOISE



One day there was a racing competition between the hare and the tortoise. The hare boasted loudly that the tortoise can't win this competition whether he wants to or not. "You are far too lazy to run! I will give you my wife, daughters even son if you win this race" the Hare said.

Tortoise did not sleep that night. He tried to come up with an idea. "Voila, I want to prove that I can think more than Hare thinks I can. I will tell all tortoises of my age to help me in this competition" said Tortoise.

When the day of the race started, many tortoises were hiding in the bushes. The race began. The Hare ran very fast and was beating the tortoise. However when hare was resting he found a tortoise in front of him saying "Do not rest pal, there is still a long distance still to go" As the hare was near to reach the ending point, he slept a while, waiting for the tortoise. Another tortoise, who was hiding in the bush, saw that the hare was fast asleep. He passed him and ran at his maximum pace and reached the finishing line first.

He said, "Hurray! I have won", when the hare heard this, he was very ashamed. He ran into the bush and disappeared.

Moral of the story:

- We should be slow to boast.
- We must learn to value our friends recognizing they have different gifts. They have their good sides we can not do.
- Brains can be better than speed.
- It was injustice to the hare as tortoise cheated.
- What do you think of the different actions?