The Tortoise and the Hare

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A hare laughed at a tortoise for being so slow. "I could beat you in a race with my eyes closed," he said. "Let us see," said the tortoise calmly. The animals of the forest gathered to watch.

At the signal the hare dashed ahead and was soon out of sight. Seeing how far ahead he was, he lay down under a tree for a quick nap. The tortoise kept walking, slowly and steadily, without stopping.

When the hare woke up, he ran as fast as he could, but it was too late. The tortoise was crossing the finish line, and all the animals were cheering.

Moral: Slow and steady wins the race.

Talk About It

1. Why did the hare take a nap?
2. How did the tortoise win?
3. When have you kept trying even when it was hard?

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