

## THE HARE AND THE TORTOISE

A hare, one day, \_\_\_\_\_ (to mock) the short feet and slow pace of the Tortoise, who \_\_\_\_\_ (to reply):

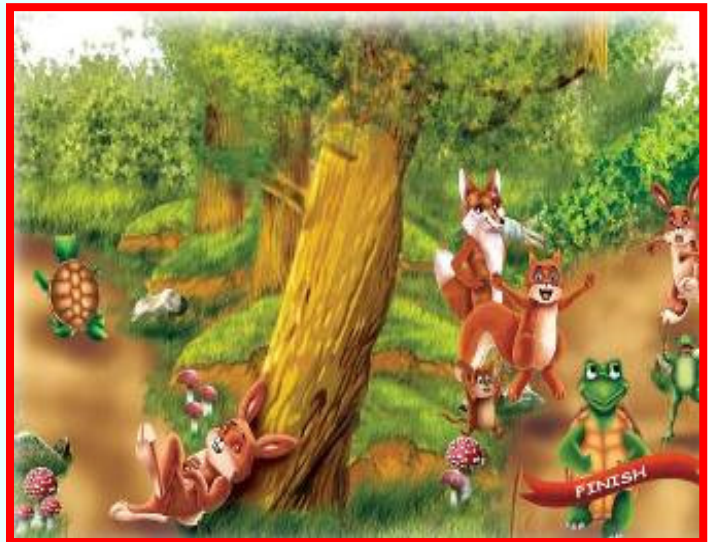
"As swift as you may be, I will beat you in a race."

The Hare \_\_\_\_\_ (to take) this as a joke and \_\_\_\_\_ (to agree) with the

proposal, just for fun. On the day \_\_\_\_\_ (to appoint) for the race the two \_\_\_\_\_ (to start) together.

The Tortoise \_\_\_\_\_ (not to stop) or even slow down once, but \_\_\_\_\_ (to go) on with a steady pace straight to the end of the course.

The Hare, thinking he \_\_\_\_\_ (to have) time enough, \_\_\_\_\_ (to take) a nap under a tree. At last, waking up and running as fast as he could, he \_\_\_\_\_ (to try) to catch up with the tortoise, but it \_\_\_\_\_ (to be) too late. The tortoise had already won the race!



MORAL: **Slow but steady wins the race.**



## THE LION, THE BEAR AND THE FOX

A Lion and a Bear \_\_\_\_\_(to capture) a Kid at the same moment, and \_\_\_\_\_(to begin) to fight for it. Finally, they \_\_\_\_\_(to be) so exhausted that they \_\_\_\_\_(to have) to lie down. A Fox, who had been watching them all this time from a



distance, thought it \_\_\_\_\_(to be) the perfect moment to approach.

He \_\_\_\_\_(to seize) the Kid in an instant and \_\_\_\_\_(to run) off with it as fast as he could. The Lion and the Bear \_\_\_\_\_(to see) him, but not being able to get up, \_\_\_\_\_(to say):

"How foolish we \_\_\_\_\_(to prove) ourselves to be for not having \_\_\_\_\_(to share) the prey in a friendly way.

MORAL: *Those who have all the toil do not always get the profit.*



## THE FOX AND THE CROW

A Crow, having stolen a bit of meat, \_\_\_\_\_(to sit) in a tree and \_\_\_\_\_(to hold)

it in her beak. A hungry Fox, seeing this, \_\_\_\_\_(to envy)

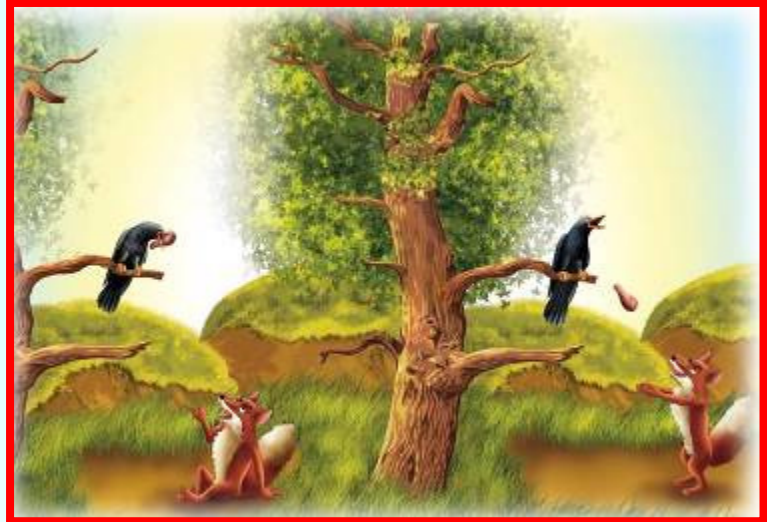
the crow and \_\_\_\_\_(to wish) to have the meat for himself. So he \_\_\_\_\_(to come) up with a cunning plan.

"How gracious you are," he \_\_\_\_\_(to exclaim), "how

beautifully your feathers shine! Oh, if only your voice \_\_\_\_\_(to be) equal to your beauty, you would deserve to be called the Queen of Birds!"

The Crow was really flattered by these words, so, anxious to be called the Queen of Birds, she \_\_\_\_\_(to give) a loud caw and \_\_\_\_\_(to drop) the meat. The Fox quickly \_\_\_\_\_(to pick) it up, and thus addressed the Crow:

"My dear Crow, you have a nice voice, indeed, but I'm afraid you have no wits."



MORAL: **Do not trust flatterers.**

