

The Hare and the Tortoise

Read the story about the race between the hare and the tortoise.

Complete the story using the simple past form. The words are in the box below. The number in parentheses is the number of times you must use it in the text.

have	had	was	was	had	was
take	begin	run	there	fall	wake up
can	get up	come	sit	see	feel

One day the hare and the tortoise decided to have a race. The hare _____ that he _____ run faster than the tortoise, but the tortoise _____ more intelligent than the hare.

"Yes, I'll race you," _____ the clever tortoise.

The tortoise _____ a clever plan. He _____ his brothers and sisters and he _____ them to start in different places along the path of the race. So they all _____ behind the trees along the path.

The race _____! The tortoise _____ as fast as possible, but the hare _____ faster, of course.

"This will be a very easy race," _____ the hare. So, the hare decided to have a rest, and he quickly _____ sitting at the side of the road.

Suddenly, the hare _____ and he _____ a tortoise ahead of him! "How did he get ahead of me?" the hare called himself. In fact, it _____, but he found the tortoise in _____ the tortoise's water. But to a hare, all tortoises look the same.

The hare _____ past the tortoise easily. Then, he _____ not see the tortoise, so he _____ down and _____ another rest. Then the hare _____ and continued the race. But - as the hare happily _____ around the last corner before the finish line - he thought the tortoise crossed the line and _____ the race.