

Unit 3. My Race

The Odd Race

- 1 “Ready, set, go!” Rabbit and Turtle started to run. Rabbit went up the first hill. The turtle with a cap started **crawling** slowly. Rabbit was so fast. Turtle could not see her. Rabbit could not see Turtle either. Then the turtle **hid behind** the bushes.



Rabbit got to the top of the first hill. She saw Turtle. The turtle with a cap was **ahead** of her.

- “Oh!” said Rabbit. She ran faster to the valley. She **passed** the turtle with the cap. Rabbit was so fast. Turtle could not see her. The turtle hid behind the bushes.

Rabbit got to the valley floor. There was the turtle ahead of her again. The turtle looked slow.

Rabbit ran and ran. She left Turtle far behind.
15 But every time she got to a hilltop or a valley,
there was Turtle again with the cap.
That was very **odd**.

Rabbit wanted to **win** the race. So she ran fast
20 and passed the turtle with the cap.
Finally, Rabbit turned the last corner. She
nearly got to the finish line. She ran as fast as
she could.

“Oh!” cried Rabbit. There was Turtle again.
25 He was sitting behind the finish line. He was
smiling. That was really odd!

Rabbit had always won before. But this time,
Turtle won the race! Rabbit was **puzzled**.

30 The turtle with the cap smiled and four other
turtles with caps laughed at Rabbit behind the
bushes.



Vocabulary Build Up

A. Match the words to the correct definitions.

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| 1. crawl | • | • strange |
| 2. hide | • | • almost |
| 3. behind | • | • at or to the back of someone or something |
| 4. ahead | • | • before; in front |
| 5. pass | • | • to go to a place where others cannot see you |
| 6. odd | • | • confused because you don't understand something |
| 7. win | • | • to go past something or someone |
| 8. nearly | • | • to move slowly along the ground on the hands and knees |
| 9. puzzled | • | • to come first in a game |

B. Choose the best words to fill in the blanks.

- I am in a car. The car goes fast. I _____ many trees and buildings.
(a) hide (b) win (c) smile (d) pass
- Kelly was a fast runner. She always ran _____ me.
(a) ahead of (b) above (c) within (d) among
- My team _____ the game. We are happy.
(a) crawled (b) laughed (c) passed (d) won
- We played hide and seek. Ben _____ a trashcan.
(a) waited for (b) hid behind (c) won (d) hid with
- Tyson wears an _____ hat. He looks funny.
(a) ahead (b) near (c) odd (d) slow

Comprehension Check Up

A. Check True or False.

1. The turtles wore hats. T F
2. Rabbit won the race. T F

B. Choose the best answers.

1. What is not true about the story?

- (a) Rabbit was not fast. (b) Turtle was not stupid.
 (c) Rabbit and Turtle had a race. (d) The turtles won.

2. Where did the turtle hide?

- (a) behind bushes (b) under the tree (c) in the well (d) near the stream

3. Where did Rabbit and Turtle not go?

- (a) valleys (b) finish line (c) hilltops (d) waterfalls

4. Why did Rabbit say, "Oh!"?

- (a) She was happy. (b) She was puzzled.
 (c) She was excited. (d) She was sick.

C. Write the best answers.

1. What did Rabbit want?

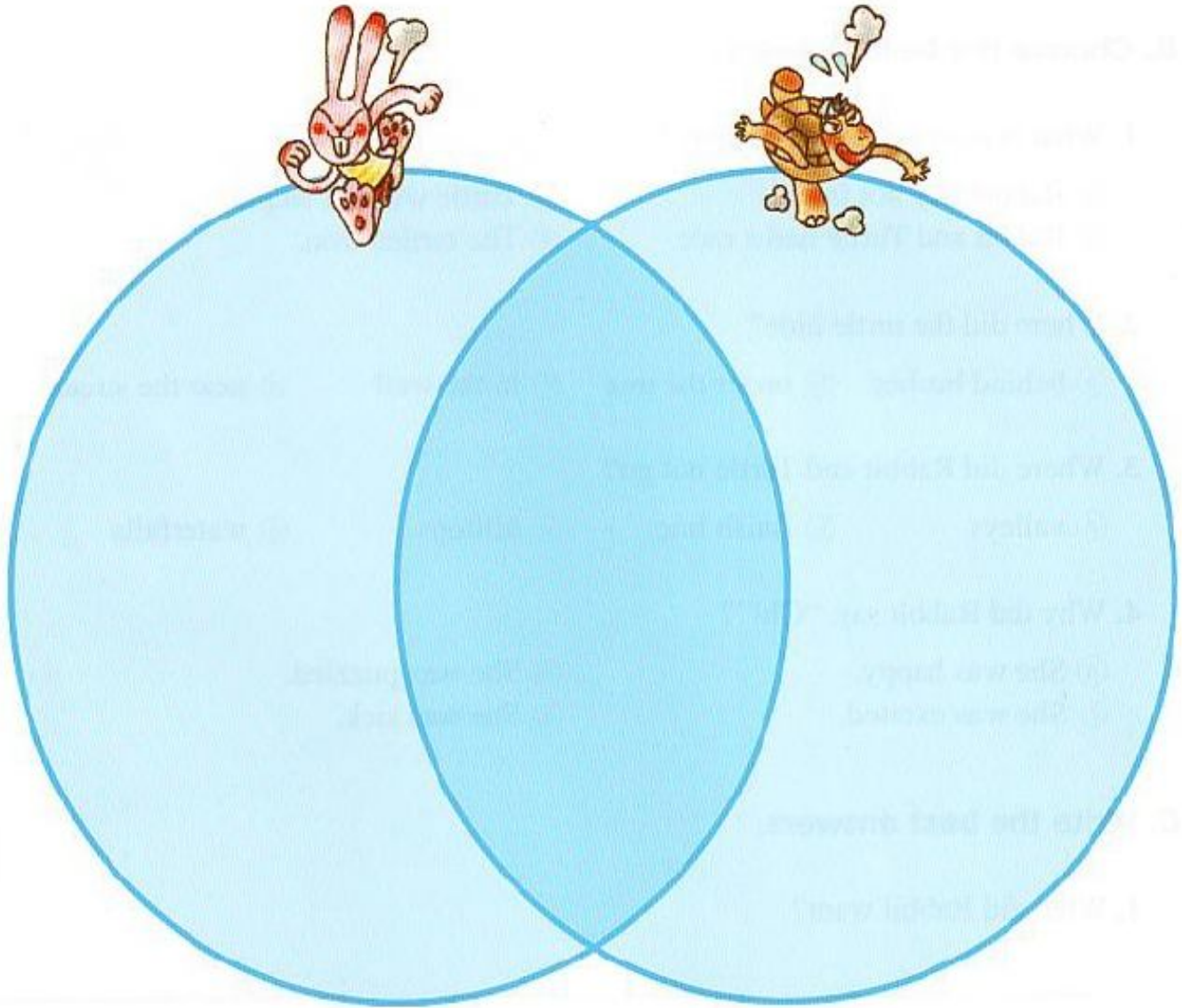
2. How many turtles were there in the race?

Reading Skill Up

Compare and Contrast

You can find the similarities and differences between things in a story by **comparing** and **contrasting**.

Write about Rabbit and Turtle. What is different and what is the same?



- fast
- lost
- wore a cap
- slow
- had a race
- smile
- wanted to win
- won
- cried
- ran alone
- had friends
- went to a hilltop and valley

Story Summary Up

Complete the summary by filling in the blanks.

behind caps odd race Turtle

Rabbit and Turtle had a _____. Rabbit was fast and passed Turtle many times. But _____ won. That was really _____. Turtle and his friends with _____ laughed _____ the bushes.

Think and Act Out

Write or say your own opinions.

- How could Turtle win? And why did the turtles laugh at the end of the story?
- Do you think that Turtle did a right thing?

