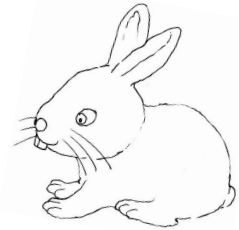
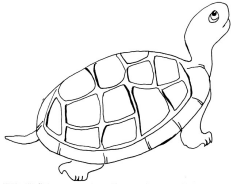


Reading Aloud

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The Hare and the Tortoise

from *Aesop's Fables*



The Hare was once boasting of his speed to the other animals. "I have never yet been beaten," he said, "when I use my full speed. I challenge any one here to race with me."

The Tortoise said quietly, "I accept your challenge."

"That is a good joke," said the Hare; "I could dance round you all the way."

"Keep your boasting until you've won," replied the Tortoise. "Shall we race?"

The race started. The Hare ran almost out of sight at once, but soon stopped. To show off to the Tortoise, he lay down to have a nap. The Tortoise plodded on and plodded on. When the Hare awoke from his nap, he saw the Tortoise just near the winning-post and could not catch up in time to win the race. Then the Tortoise said:

"Plodding wins the race."