The Hare and the Tortoise

One day the all the animals were having a discussion about who was the fastest one of them all. The hare was bragging as usual about his speed, saying that no one had ever beaten him, and asked if any of them would like to take on the challenge.

There was complete silence among the friends. Nobody dared to compete with the hare. Then a small voice rose up and said ' I will race you Hare.'

'You!' said the hare, hardly able to contain his delight ' You haven't a hope in heaven of beating me but if you want to make a fool of yourself then bring it on! Let's get started!'

'We shall see about that' tortoise whispered to himself.

The start was announced and off they went. Hare bounding ahead and tortoise plodding behind.

Hare was really enjoying himself now and after a little while he felt a bit hot and decided to have a rest at

the side of the road. He was sure to see tortoise come by and then he could just sprint to the finishing line.

But the weather was hot and he'd had a busy day and it wasn't long before he drifted off dreaming of his imminent success.

Tortoise kept plodding on. The sun was beginning to disappear behind the hills and he could just see the finishing line a little way ahead.

Hare woke up and stretched himself. He looked down the road behind him to see where tortoise was but there was no sign of him. He looked in the other direction towards the finishing line and could just see tortoise about 2 or 3 metres from the end.

He ran faster than he had ever run before but it was too late. Tortoise crossed the line before him.

The animals were delighted. 'Tortoise won, tortoise won!' they shouted.

Hare couldn't believe his bad luck and tortoise just smiled to himself glad that at last someone had beaten hare!