

Comparing Two Versions of the Same Story

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Quick Review

The same story can be told in different ways. When you compare two versions, look for what is the same and what is different.

PART 1 — READ

Read the passage. Then answer the questions.

Two Tellings of The Tortoise and the Hare

Version 1: A fast hare laughed at a slow tortoise. 'You could never beat me in a race,' he said. They began to race. The hare ran far ahead, then stopped to take a nap. The tortoise kept walking, slow and steady. The tortoise passed the sleeping hare and won the race.

Version 2: A speedy rabbit teased a turtle by a pond. 'Race me if you dare!' she said. The race began near an old barn. The rabbit zoomed ahead, then sat down to eat carrots. The turtle moved on, step by step. The turtle reached the finish line first and won.

Both stories tell about a fast animal and a slow animal in a race. In both, the fast animal stops along the way, and the slow animal wins. The two stories use different animals and different places, but they teach the same lesson.

PART 2 — PRACTICE

Read both versions of the story. Then answer the questions that compare them.

1. What is the same in both versions of the story?
 - A. A fast animal races a slow animal.
 - B. The race is by a pond.
 - C. Both have a hare.
 - D. Both happen at night.
2. Which animals race in Version 1?
 - A. a rabbit and a turtle
 - B. a hare and a tortoise
 - C. a dog and a cat
 - D. a fox and a duck



3. Which animals race in Version 2?
 - A. a hare and a tortoise
 - B. a rabbit and a turtle
 - C. a bird and a snail
 - D. a horse and a sheep
4. In Version 1, what does the hare do during the race?
 - A. He eats carrots.
 - B. He stops to take a nap.
 - C. He runs the whole way.
 - D. He helps the tortoise.
5. In Version 2, what does the rabbit do during the race?
 - A. She takes a nap.
 - B. She sits down to eat carrots.
 - C. She wins the race.
 - D. She walks slowly.
6. How are the two versions DIFFERENT?
 - A. The slow animal wins in only one.
 - B. They use different animals and places.
 - C. One has no race.
 - D. One has no winner.
7. Who wins the race in BOTH versions?
 - A. the fast animal
 - B. the slow animal
 - C. no one
 - D. both animals
8. Both versions teach the same lesson.
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9. Write one way the two versions are different.

10. What lesson do both versions of the story teach?



Answer Keys

- 1 A B C D
- 2 A B C D
- 3 A B C D
- 4 A B C D
- 5 A B C D

- 6 A B C D
- 7 A B C D
- 8 T F
- 9
- 10

Explanations

1. A	Both stories tell about a fast animal racing a slow animal.
2. B	Version 1 has a hare and a tortoise.
3. B	Version 2 has a rabbit and a turtle.
4. B	In Version 1, the hare stops to take a nap.
5. B	In Version 2, the rabbit sits down to eat carrots.
6. B	The versions use different animals and different places.
7. B	In both stories, the slow animal wins the race.
8. T	The last paragraph says both stories teach the same lesson.
9.	Answer: Example: One uses a hare and tortoise; the other uses a rabbit and turtle. Accept any real difference, such as animals or setting.
10.	Answer: Example: Slow and steady wins the race; keep going and do not give up. Accept any answer about being steady and not giving up.



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