



A Lesson on The Turtle and the Rabbit by Marissa Knighton

Grade Level: Grade 3

Subject Area: English Language Arts

Lesson Length: 45 minutes

Lesson Keywords: Vocabulary, Principle, Moral, Open Discussion

Lesson Description: Students will read a short passage about The Turtle and The Rabbit, single out key vocabulary words and define their meanings. After students learn vocabulary they will move on to recognize each word used correctly in a sentence. Finally students will engage in open dialogue about events that happened within the story and do critical thinking about why certain events happened and relate how the events affect them in everyday life.

Common Core Standards Covered with This Lesson

CCSS.ELA-Literacy.RL.3.1: Ask and answer questions to demonstrate understanding of a text, referring explicitly to the text as the basis for the answers.

CCSS.ELA-Literacy.RL.3.4: Determine the meaning of words and phrases as they are used in a text, distinguishing literal from nonliteral language.

CCSS.ELA-Literacy.RI.3.1: Ask and answer questions to demonstrate understanding of a text, referring explicitly to the text as the basis for the answers.

CCSS.ELA-Literacy.RI.3.2: Determine the main idea of a text; recount the key details and explain how they support the main idea.

CCSS.ELA-Literacy.W.3.1: Write opinion pieces on topics or texts, supporting a point of view with reasons.

CCSS.ELA-Literacy.L.3.4: Determine or clarify the meaning of unknown and multiple-meaning word and phrases based on grade 3 reading and content, choosing flexibly from a range of strategies.

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Lesson Content: Book/Story/Reading Passage

Instructions: Please read the following reading passage as many times as needed (aloud and silent) before starting to go through other lesson pages. Understanding the content of this passage is very important since the lesson activities will be all about this content. Feel free to print the passage if needed.

The Turtle and the Rabbit

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Content: The Rabbit was once boasting of his speed before the other animals. I?have never yet been beaten, said he, when I put forth my full speed. I?challenge any one here to race with me. I am the best.?

The Turtle said quietly, I accept your challenge. I am tired of your?bragging. I am confident that I can beat you.?

That is a good joke, said the Rabbit; I could dance around you all?the way. You will never be able to speed past me. You will not get the?victory.?

Keep your boasting till you've beaten me, answered the Turtle. Shall?we race? I know that I can defeat you.

So a course was fixed and a start was made. The Rabbit darted almost?out of sight at once, but soon stopped and, believing that the Turtle could?never catch him, lay down by the wayside to have a nap. The Turtle never for?a moment stopped, but went on with a slow but steady pace straight to the?end of the course.?

When the Rabbit awoke from his nap, he saw the Turtle just near the?winning-post. The Rabbit ran as fast as he could, but it was too late. He saw?the Turtle had reached the goal. He was very surprised. He had never lost a?race before.

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Task 1: Vocabulary

Instructions: Please complete the following vocabulary activity by choosing the correct meaning of each word selected from the passage and use of each word correctly in a sentence.

Q: 1 WordPhrase: Boasting **WordPhraseTier:** 2

Question: What does the word "Boasting" mean in the sentence, "The Rabbit was once boasting of his speed before the other animals"?

- A: Joking
- B: Bragging
- C: Crying
- D: Shouting

Question: Use the word "Boasting" correctly in a sentence.

- A: I love boasting turkey on thanksgiving.
 - B: They like boasting the ball on the playground.
 - C: When the team won the tournament, they were boasting of their victory.
 - D: We boasted the man over the fence.
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Q: 2 WordPhrase: Darted **WordPhraseTier:** 3

Question: What does the author mean when he says "The Rabbit darted almost out of sight at once..."?

- A: The Rabbit slowly ran until he could not be seen anymore.
- B: The Rabbit hopped until he could not be seen anymore.
- C: The Rabbit Skipped until he could not be seen anymore.
- D: The Rabbit quickly raced out of sight until could not be seen anymore.

Question: Which sentence uses the word "darted" correctly in a sentence?

- A: All the horses darted out of the stalls when the race started.
 - B: I'm having a very darted day.
 - C: They slowly darted down the hall.
 - D: We darted the board in class.
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Q: 3 WordPhrase: Confident **WordPhraseTier:** 3

Question: The Rabbit stated that he was "Confident that he could win". What is the correct meaning of the word "confident"?

- A: Doubtful
- B: Unable
- C: Sure
- D: Scared

Question: Use the word "confident" correctly in a sentence.

- A: He is a good confident and friend.
 - B: The man confident his shoes.
 - C: He was positive he had his car keys.
 - D: I am confident that I will pass the test if study hard.
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Q: 4 WordPhrase: Defeat **WordPhraseTier:** 2

Question: The Rabbit stated that he could beat the turtle. What other word in the passage has a similar meaning to the word "beat"?

- A: Challenge
- B: Defeat
- C: Win
- D: Boast

Question: Which sentence uses the word "Defeat" correctly?

- A: Losing the game 50-10 was a horrible defeat to the team.
 - B: Defeat of sweaty people smell awful.
 - C: Our defeat was a great victory.
 - D: Defeat is a great game to play.
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Task 2: Forum Discussion

Instructions: This discussion forum will have questions for students to respond. Read the posted questions, and respond to each. Students are responsible for posting one initial and two peer responses for each topic.

1 - Challenge Accepted

Why did the turtle accept the rabbit's challenge to a race even though he was not a fast runner?

2 - Slow and Steady

Give one example of what lesson can be learned from the turtle not giving up even though he was moving slow and steady. Give one example of what can be learned from the rabbit who could move fast but still lost the race because he was full of pride?

3 - To Brag or Not To Brag

Do you think it is good to brag about being better than others at some things or is it better to be humble and not brag at all and let your actions speak for you?

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Task 3: Writing Activity

Instructions: What lesson do you think the Rabbit learned from this race about bragging? Use examples from text to support your answer.

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