



A Lesson on The Turtle and the Rabbit by Elisa Perez

Grade Level: Grade 3

Subject Area: English Language Arts

Lesson Length: 1 hour

Lesson Keywords: The tortoise and the hare

Lesson Description: The purpose of this lesson is for (1) Reading Comprehension (2) Introducing New Vocabulary (3) Having a discussion on their take of the story (4) How to apply the context of the story in relation to their life

Common Core Standards Covered with This Lesson

CCSS.ELA-Literacy.RL.3.2: Recount stories, including fables, folktales, and myths from diverse cultures; determine the central message, lesson, or moral and explain how it is conveyed through key details in the text.

CCSS.ELA-Literacy.RI.3.6: Distinguish their own point of view from that of the author of a text.

CCSS.ELA-Literacy.W.3.3: Write narratives to develop real or imagined experiences or events using effective technique, descriptive details, and clear event sequences.

CCSS.ELA-Literacy.W.3.3a: Establish a situation and introduce a narrator and/or characters; organize an event sequence that unfolds naturally.

CCSS.ELA-Literacy.L.3.4a: Use sentence-level context as a clue to the meaning of a word or phrase.

CCSS.ELA-Literacy.L.3.5b: Identify real-life connections between words and their use (e.g., describe people who are friendly or helpful).

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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: The author in our story says, "\"The Rabbit was once boasting of his speed before the other animals...\"" What does the work "\"boasting\"" mean in this sentence?

- A:** To talk about yourself in a proud admiring way
- B:** To talk about yourself in an ashamed way
- C:** To talk about yourself in a loud way
- D:** To talk about yourself in a quiet way

Question: Which one of the sentence below, uses the word "\"boast\"" correctly?

- A:** Peter boasted down the hallway to get to class on time.
- B:** Eric boasted Maya up the ladder.
- C:** Emily was boasting of her courage.
- D:** He boasted a piece of bread in the toaster.

Q: 2 WordPhrase: Confident **WordPhraseTier:** 2

Question: The author in the story says, " I am confident that I can beat you..." What does the word confident mean in the sentence?

- A:** To be mad about something
- B:** To be unsure of yourself
- C:** To be sad about something
- D:** To be sure of yourself

Question: Which one of the sentence below uses the word "confident" correctly?

- A:** His shoes are confident.
- B:** I am confident that I will be there on time.
- C:** The umbrella is confident.
- D:** The book is confident.

Q: 3 WordPhrase: Wayside **WordPhraseTier:** 3

Question: 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.

- A:** The end of a road.
- B:** The edge of the road.
- C:** Beginning of a road.
- D:** The middle of the road.

Question: Which one of the sentences below, uses the word wayside correctly?

- A:** I fell asleep on the wayside of my bed.
- B:** I charged my phone on the wayside of my room.
- C:** My mom pulled the car to the wayside.
- D:** I placed my book on the wayside of my desk.

Q: 4 WordPhrase: Put forth **WordPhraseTier:** 3

Question: The author in the story says, "'I have never yet been beaten,' said he, 'when I PUT FORTH my full speed'." What does the phrase "put forth" mean in this sentence?

- A:** Bring forward
- B:** Leave behind
- C:** Place on top
- D:** Place Underneath

Question: Which one of the sentences below uses the phrase "put forth" correctly?

- A:** She put forth the book on top of her head.
- B:** I put forth the phone behind me.
- C:** I put forth all my energy in cleaning my room.
- D:** He put forth the chair underneath him.

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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 - Who wins?

Who did you predict would win the race and why?

2 - The meaning

What do you think the author is trying to tell us?

3 - Turtle/Rabbit?

Who would you rather be the Turtle or the Rabbit and why?

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Task 3: Writing Activity

Instructions: You are to write 3-4 sentences describing a time when you boasted and it ended up causes problems in the future.

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