



## Cast



**Tortoise**



**Hare**



**Fox**

*Work with the children to allocate characters and prepare a short performance. Discuss the stage directions in advance and make sure the children understand how to follow the script.*

*(Tortoise, Hare, and Fox are in the woods.  
Hare is jumping.)*

**Hare:** Look at me.

**Fox:** Well done.

**Tortoise:** What are you doing?

**Hare:** I am jumping.

**Tortoise:** Oh!

**Hare:** Yes. I can jump, and I can run fast.

*(Tortoise and Fox watch Hare jumping.)*

**Hare:** Can you jump, Tortoise?

**Tortoise:** No, I can't.

**Hare:** Oh.

*(Tortoise and Fox watch Hare running.)*

**Hare:** Can you run, Tortoise?

**Tortoise:** No, I can't.

**Hare:** Oh.

**Tortoise:** But I can walk.

*(Hare smiles.)*

**Hare:** Haha, you can walk!

**Tortoise:** Yes. I'm a tortoise. I can walk.

**Hare:** Then we can't have a race.

**Tortoise:** Why not?

**Hare:** You are too slow.

**Tortoise:** Me, too slow? Then let's have a race.

**Hare:** OK! Let's run from here to the beach.

**Tortoise:** Great.

*(Fox gets his flag ready to start the race.)*

**Fox:** Put your feet here. Three, two, one, GO!

*(Hare runs off ahead of Tortoise.)*

**Fox:** Hare is fast . . .

*(Hare stops to eat some grass.)*

**Hare:** Tortoise is slow. I can eat this nice grass.

*(Hare lies down in the sunshine.)*

**Hare:** Now I can sit and enjoy the sun.

**Tortoise:** Oh. Hare is sleeping!

*(Tortoise crosses the finish line.)*

**Fox:** Well done, Tortoise! Where's Hare?

*(Hare arrives at the finish line.)*

**Hare:** Oh. You are slow, but you CAN win a race!

