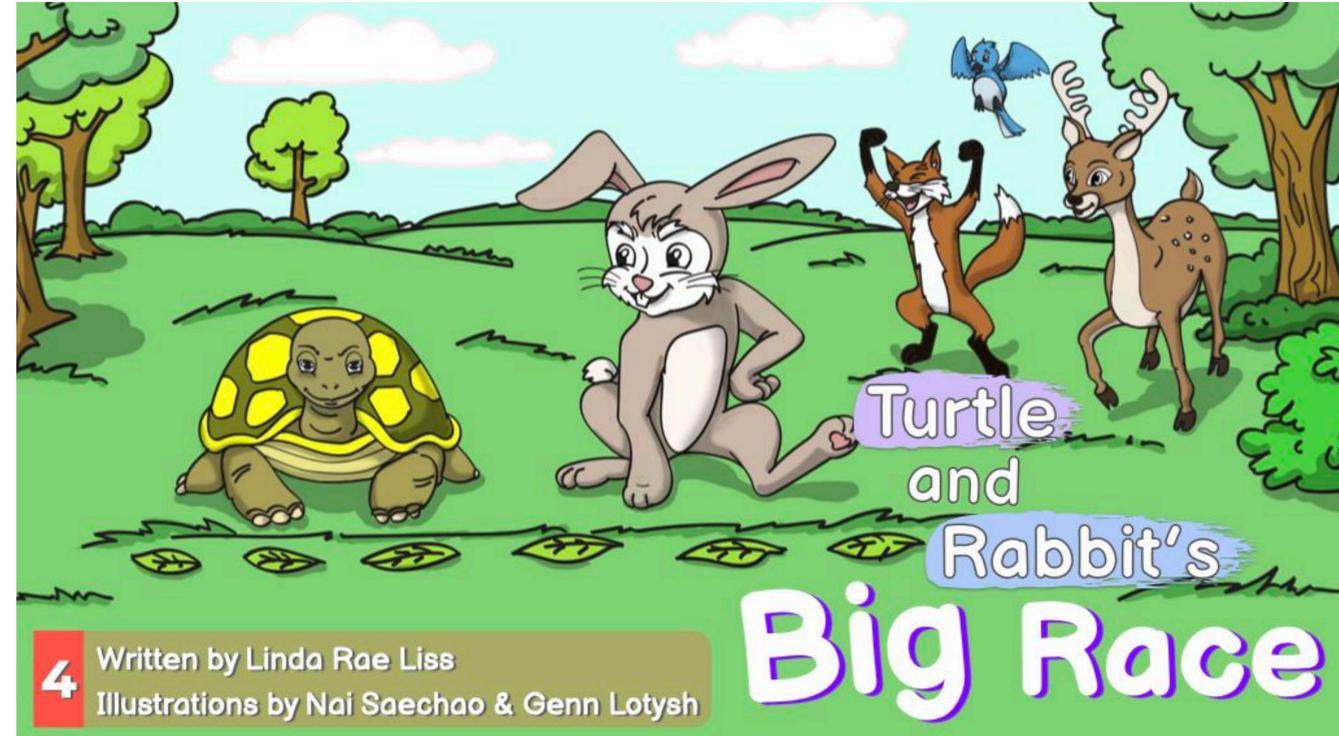


Vowel Syllable Pattern Chart

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by	rabbit	fastest	runner	fame	decides	claim	hearing	slowpoke	turtle	starts	turtle
he	chance	off	talent	takes	tire	trail	sleeping	slowly	her	mark	
she	grit	never	finishes	race	meanwhile	gains	reaches	show	together	far	
so	fast	accept	win	gave	slowpoke	strains	easy	boast	under	before	
easy	gather	asks	plan	late	joke	always	cheer	own	turn	for	
my	get	set	fox	wakes	dozed	screams	lead	boasting	runner		
go	quickly	past	stop	pace	hope	leaps	near	boasts	never		
quickly	rest	plenty	spot	game	closes	speed	deer	bluebird	gather		
no	under	cricket	continue	time	complete	tease	meanwhile	continues	bluebird		
plenty	complete	front	nap	hike	compete	asleep	coast	replies	other		
shady	back	still	sprints	smile	these	feed	slow		later		
slowly	last	stretch	stops	side		sleep	goal		wonders		
me	crosses	finish	clap	line		reached	know		over		
over	wins	next	pets	whines		beat	goes				



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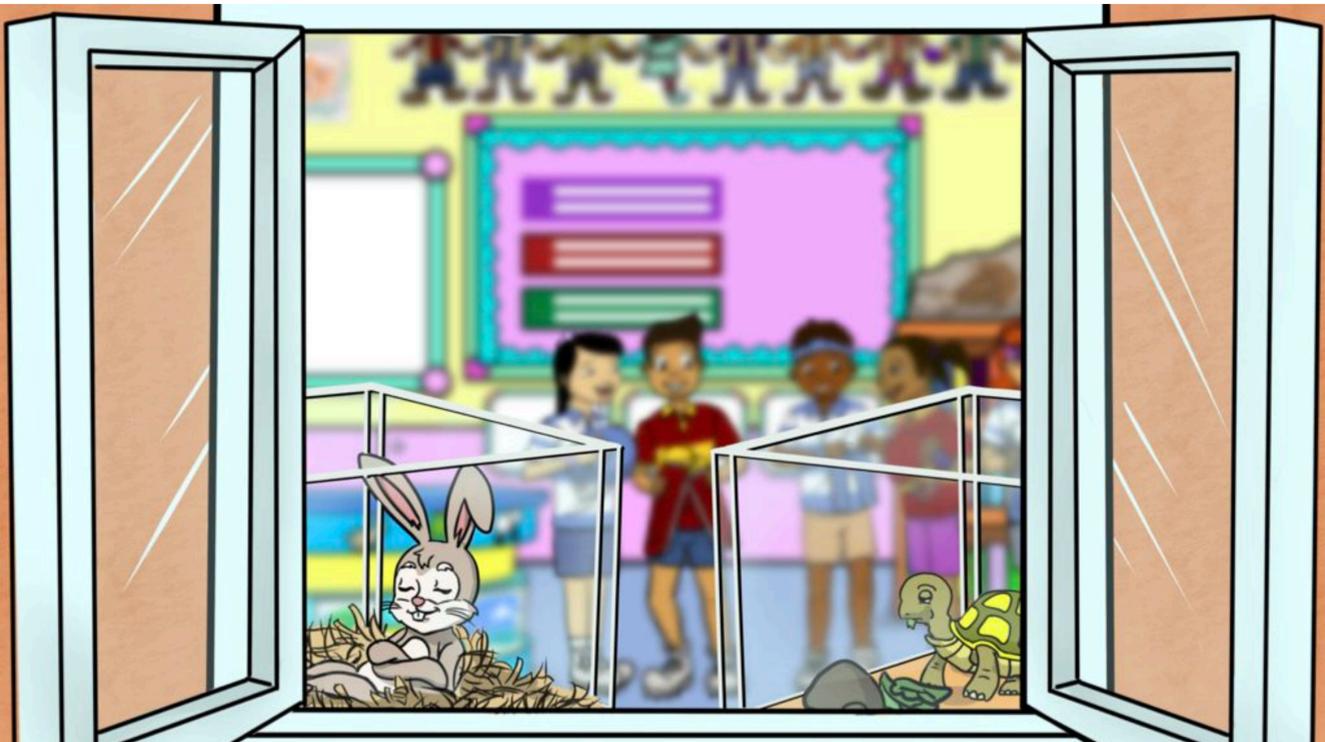
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Rabbit and Turtle live side by side in a classroom.

Rabbit's claim to fame is his speed. He is the fastest runner, and he takes every chance to boast and show off his talent.

Turtle's fame is her grit because she never gives up. Turtle is very slow and always finishes what she starts.



The next day, it was Kim's turn to feed the classroom pets.



The animals clap and cheer for Turtle. Rabbit wonders what happened. How did he lose to the slowest animal of all? Rabbit says, "I think there must be a lesson in these events for me. I thought I would coast to the finish line and win. I guess my claim to fame is over."

"Turtle never gave up! Slow and steady wins the race," says Fox.

Rabbit did not boast this time. He said with a smile, "Turtle, you beat me fair and square."



Rabbit likes to tease Turtle because Turtle is so slow. One day, Rabbit boasts to Turtle about how fast he is. Turtle replies, "If you are so fast, let's compete. I challenge you to a race!"

Rabbit laughs, "What a joke! A turtle and a rabbit having a race! I accept your challenge. This will be easy to win. I could beat you in my sleep."



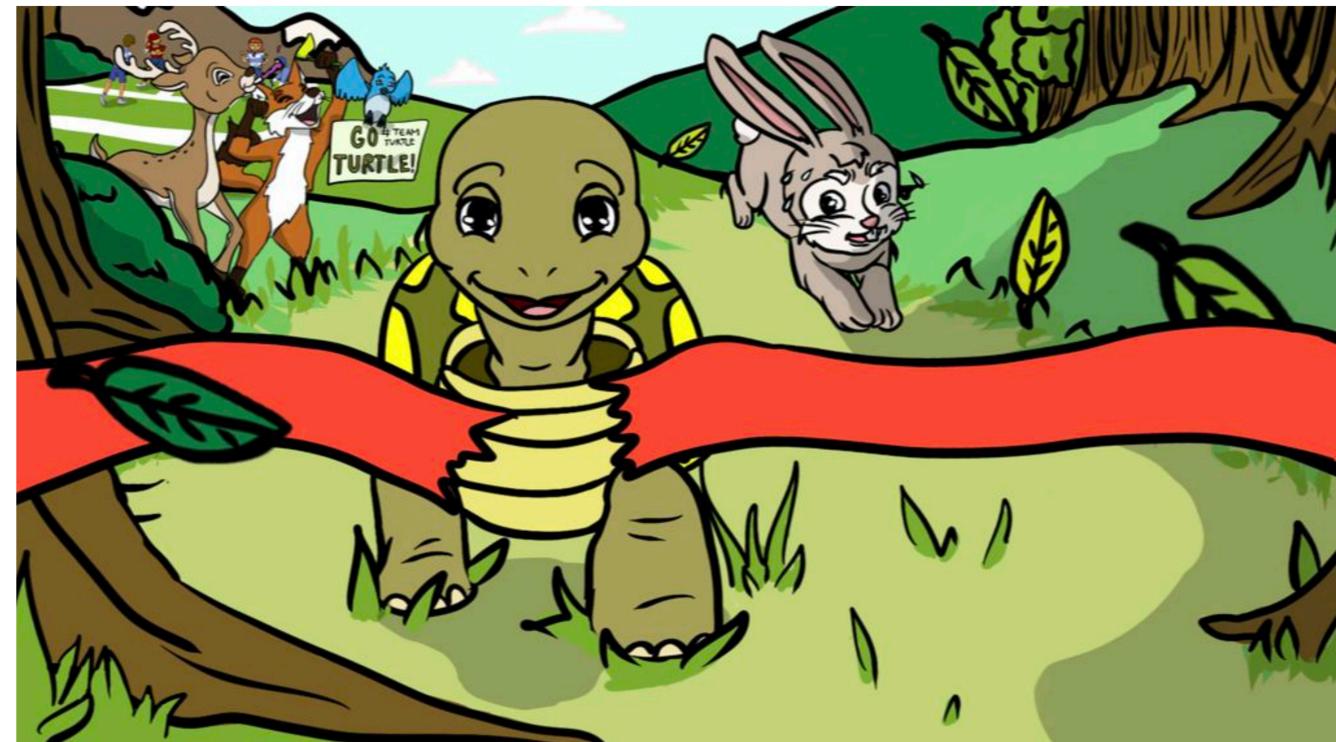
On the day of the race, all the animals gather together to watch Turtle and Rabbit compete.

"What is Turtle's goal?" Bluebird asks Deer.

"She will never win a race against Rabbit.

Rabbit is the fastest animal! This race is not fair!"

"I don't know," whines Deer, "But I hope she has a plan. I'm beginning to tire of Rabbit always boasting about his speed."



Rabbit spots Turtle in the lead. "GO, TURTLE, GO!" cheer Fox, Deer, and Bluebird.

Rabbit screams, "NO! No way!"

But Rabbit is too late. Turtle crosses the finish line.



A while later, Rabbit wakes up from his nap. He looks back at the trail, but he does not see Turtle. "Ha!" he thinks to himself, I dozed off, and Turtle still has not reached me."

He sprints off again, but when he reaches the last stretch of the trail...



"On your mark, get set, go!" screams Fox.

Turtle goes at her own pace. Rabbit quickly leaps way past Turtle. Soon, Rabbit is out of sight and Turtle is far behind him.



In no time, Rabbit is in the lead and he decides to stop and rest, "I have plenty of time to beat that slowpoke."

Rabbit finds a shady spot under a tree near the cricket game, and soon he closes his eyes and falls asleep.



Meanwhile, Turtle continues to slowly hike along the trail. She strains to complete the race, putting one foot in front of the other, again and again.

Turtle thinks, "I can't give up." Before long, she gains a lead, by passing the sleeping Rabbit.