

## Unit 1 Assessment

### THE HARE AND THE TORTOISE

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The Hare 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."

The Tortoise said quietly, "I accept your challenge."

"That is a good joke," said the Hare; "I could dance round you all the way."

"Keep your boasting till you've beaten," answered the Tortoise.  
"Shall we race?"

So a course was fixed and a start was made. The Hare darted almost out of sight at once, but soon stopped and, to show his contempt for the Tortoise, lay down to have a nap. The Tortoise plodded on and plodded on, and when the Hare awoke from his nap, he saw the Tortoise just near the winning-post and could not run up in time to save the race.

Then said the Tortoise:

"Plodding wins the race."

**Directions:** Think about the selection as you answer the following questions. You may look back at the story as often as needed.

1. What genre is this story an example of?
  - (a) Fable
  - (b) Folktale
  - (c) Myth
  
2. What is the problem in this story?
  - (a) The Tortoise and the Hare do not like each other.
  - (b) Tortoise is afraid to race the Hare.
  - (c) The Hare brags too much about his ability to win any race.
  
3. Tortoise walked very slowly and heavily. Which word in the story describes the way Tortoise walked?
  - (a) darted
  - (b) boasted
  - (c) plodded
  
4. What is the author's intended purpose?
  - (a) to teach a lesson
  - (b) to persuade the reader
  - (c) to inform the reader

5. How did the Tortoise beat Hare?

- (a) Tortoise tripped Hare and he fell.
- (b) Hare took a nap, and Tortoise passed him.
- (c) Tortoise was just faster than Hare.

6. Tortoise says, "Keep your boasting til you've beaten."

What does Tortoise mean by that?

- (a) Tortoise should brag because he challenged Hare to a race.
- (b) Hare should brag because he is the fastest animal.
- (c) Hare should not brag until after he has won the race.

7. Which statement below best explains the author's message?

- (a) Even when you are faced with a difficult task; never give up.
- (b) The tortoise is a very fast animal, and no one should race him.
- (c) You should never take a nap while running in a race.

8. During the race, why did Hare take a nap?

- (a) He saw the Tortoise napping too.
- (b) He was tired so he stopped to rest.
- (c) He felt sure he could beat Tortoise, no matter what.

9. What is the character trait that best describes Hare?

- (a) Cheerful
- (b) Thoughtful
- (c) Overconfident

10. What characteristic did Tortoise show when he said he would race Hare?

- (a) Anger
- (b) Bravery
- (c) Kindness

11. Hare's overconfidence caused him to lose the race.

- (a) True
- (b) False

Answer the following questions on Grammar and Usage.

12. Look at the underlined words and determine which part of speech they are.

*The Hare was once boasting of his speed before the other animals.*

*The Tortoise plodded on and on.*

- (a) Pronouns
- (b) Nouns
- (c) Verbs

13. What is a pronoun?

- (a) Word that takes the place of a noun.
- (b) It modifies/describes a noun.
- (c) It connects other words, phrases, or sentences.

14. An adverb tells you how, where, or when something is done. In other words, they describe the **manner, place, or time** of an action. Given this information, determine which word in the following sentence is an adverb:

*The Tortoise said quietly, "I accept your challenge."*

- (a) quietly
- (b) accept
- (c) Tortoise

15. Which words are examples of pronouns?

(a) Dog, cat, pig

(b) Walk, talk, sing

(c) He, she, it

16. What part of speech is the underlined word?

*The smart Tortoise won the race.*

(a) Noun

(b) Adverb

(c) Pronoun

## Assessment Breakdown

	<b>Answer</b>	<b>CCSS</b>	<b>DOK Level</b>	<b>Skill</b>
<b>1</b>	A	RL.3.2	3	Apply
<b>2</b>	C	RL.3.1	1	Recall
<b>3</b>	C	RF.3.4c & L.3.4	2	Use Context Clues
<b>4</b>	A	RL.3.2	2	Infer
<b>5</b>	B	RL.3.1	1	Retell
<b>6</b>	C	RL.3.4	2	Use Context Clues
<b>7</b>	A	RL.3.2	3	Draw Conclusions
<b>8</b>	C	RL.3.3	2	Infer
<b>9</b>	C	RL.3.3	1	Retell
<b>10</b>	B	RL.3.3	1	Retell
<b>11</b>	A	RL.3.3	1	Retell
<b>12</b>	C	L.3.1a	1	Identify
<b>13</b>	A	L.3.1a	1	Define
<b>14</b>	A	L.3.1a	1	Identify
<b>15</b>	C	L.3.1a	1	Identify
<b>16</b>	A	L.3.1a	1	Identify