

## The Race

### Adapted from a fable by Aesop

Everyone in the village was talking about it. Hare and Turtle had agreed to have a race with each other. But Turtle was slow—very, very slow. Nobody could disagree with that. He had always been slower than all the other animals. So why did he agree to a race? “Maybe he got tired of hearing Hare show off about how fast he is,” Fox said.

The day of the race came. Hare had been up half the night dancing and having a good time. He was so sure he would beat Turtle that he even gave Turtle a head start. Turtle agreed to the offer and took off ahead of Hare. Everyone hoped that Turtle would reconsider racing Hare. But he wouldn’t, and the race was on.

After a few minutes, Hare sped off. It wasn’t long before he zipped by Turtle. All Turtle saw was the dust that Hare kicked up. Still, Turtle kept going along.

Now, all that dancing the night before had made Hare very tired. He decided to stop running and take a short nap. He knew he would wake up long before Turtle came by. Hare felt he could still win the race.

Turtle, meanwhile, continued along. As Turtle slowly crawled up the hill, the village animals were shocked. They were unprepared for what they saw. Turtle was coming toward the finish line. Where was Hare?

Late that night, Hare woke up from his nap. He dashed to the finish line as quickly as he could, ready for his congratulations from the crowd. Waiting there to shake his paw was Turtle. Seeing the look of disbelief on Hare’s face, Turtle said, “If you keep trying, next year you’ll do much better.”

**Moral:** *Slow but steady wins the race.*

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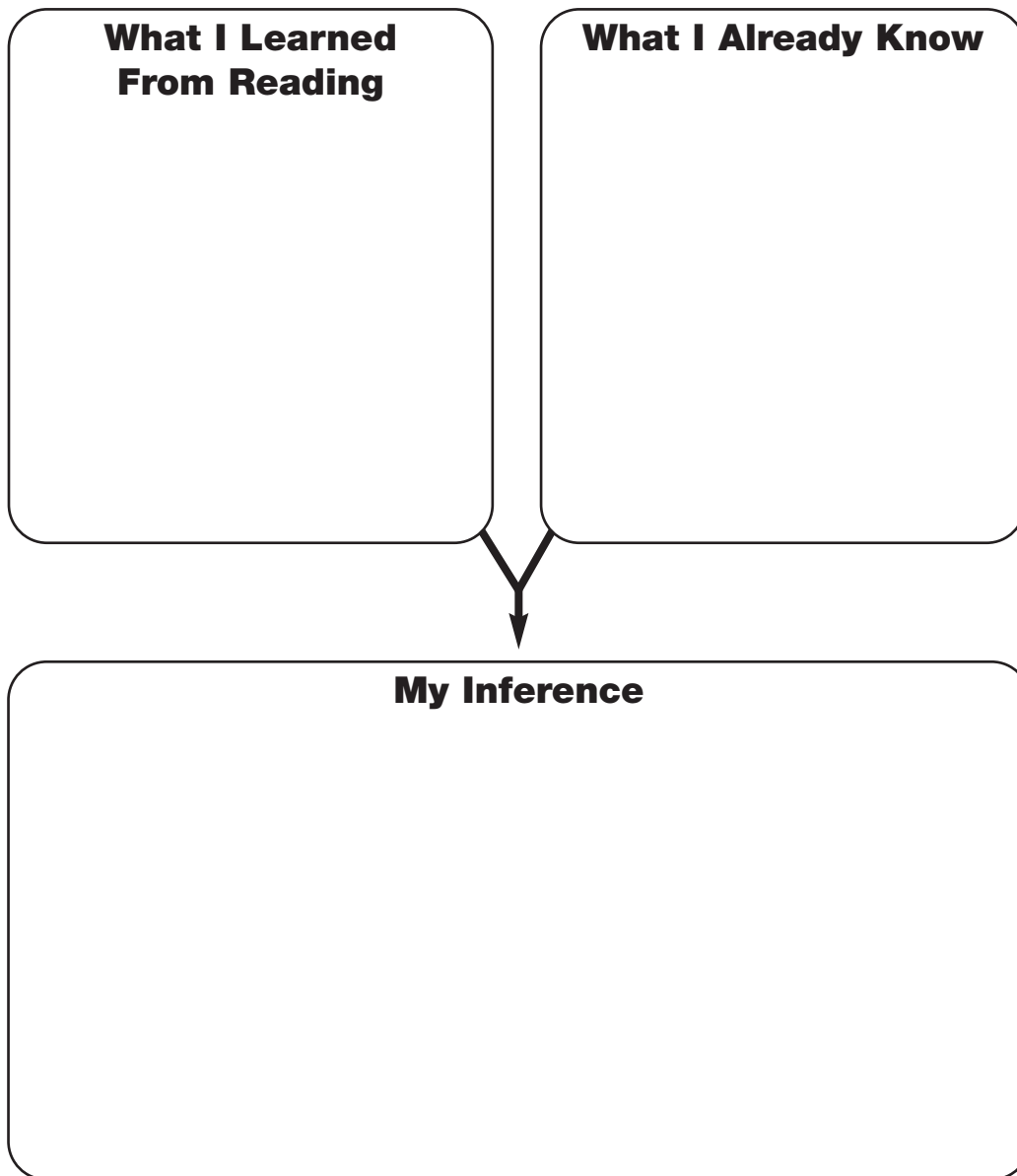
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