

FAIRY TALES
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The Hare and the Tortoise



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Before you read



- 1 Harvey the hare loves sport.
Look at the pictures and write the words
in the correct place.

swimming • tennis • football • basketball
running • cycling • skateboarding • judo

1



cycling

2



3



5



8



4



6



7



- 2 What does Harvey do every day?
Look and write the day of the week.

Monday 

Friday 

Tuesday 

Saturday 

Wednesday 

Sunday 

Thursday 

- On Thursday he does judo.
On _____ he goes running.
On _____ he goes swimming.
On _____ he goes cycling.
On _____ he goes skateboarding.
On _____ he plays football.
On _____ he plays tennis.

▶ 2 This is a story about a very fast hare and a very slow tortoise.



Harvey the hare loves sport. His favourite sport is running.

Tilly the tortoise loves listening to music.

She doesn't like sport.



Look and count the snails.

Write the number in the shell.



What do you do in your free time? Tick (✓).

☐

read

☐

play with friends

☐

play the piano

☐

☐

watch TV

☐



► 3 In the morning, Harvey wakes up early.



First, he has a good breakfast.
He eats cereal and fruit.



Then, he runs to work. Harvey is a postman. He's very fast!



What do you have for breakfast? Tick (✓).

☐ cereal	☐ tea	☐ juice
☐ fruit	☐ cake	☐ _____
☐ milk	☐ toast	☐ _____
☐ biscuits	☐ eggs	☐ _____



Let's act!

Props

Harvey can wear a sports cap.

Tilly can wear headphones
and she can hold a paintbrush.



Scene 1

NARRATOR This is the story about a fast hare and a very slow tortoise.

HARVEY [*running on the spot*] Hello! My name's Harvey.
I'm a hare and I can run very fast.

TILLY [*walking very slowly*] Hello! My name's Tilly. I'm a tortoise and I can walk slowly.

HARVEY I love sport. My favourite sport is running. Tilly, do you like sport?

TILLY Oh no! I don't like sport. I like listening to music.





Activities – Play time



1 Look, read and match the sentences to the correct pictures.

1 Harvey
is a postman.

a



2 Tilly
is an artist.

b



3 It's the day
of the big race.

c



4 Harvey sits
under a tree.
Soon he's
sleeping.

d



5 Tilly wins
the race.

e

