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A hare and a tortoise were having an argument.

The hare, who could run very fast, thought he was much

more clever than the tortoise, who could only move

slowly and had to carry his house around on his back.



But the tortoise did
not agree. To the hare's
surprise the tortoise
challenged him to a race.
'We will run from here,
over the hill, through
the hedge, then along
the carrot field to the
old cart,' he said.
The hare laughed.
'I am *sure to win*,
but we will race if you like.'