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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.'

