

FOR THE STUDENT



Comprehensive Assessment of Reading Strategies II (CARS Series II) is a reading series that gives you practice with eight reading strategies. You will complete four reading lessons. Each lesson has a reading passage and eight questions about the passage. Each question helps you practise a certain reading strategy.

Once you have completed the four lessons, you will complete a self-assessment. The self-assessment will help you see how well you did.

CARS II will help you become a better reader. You will also better understand what to look for as you read. This will help you get the most from your reading.

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**Here is a story about two animals. Read the story.
Then do Numbers 1 through 8.**

Turtle and Rabbit

One day Rabbit was hopping through the woods. On the way he saw Turtle. Rabbit watched as Turtle walked along. Turtle was moving very slowly.

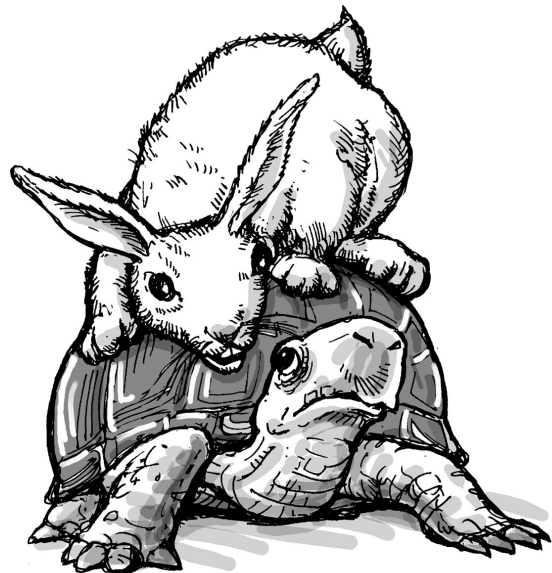
Rabbit hopped over Turtle. Rabbit was always one to say what was on his mind. ‘Turtle, can you walk any faster?’ asked Rabbit.

That is a mean thing to say! thought Turtle. Turtle had heard stories about rabbits. Rabbits liked to race turtles. Rabbits liked to show how fast they could run. Turtle wished Rabbit would go away.

But Rabbit did not go away. ‘Did you hear me, Turtle?’ asked Rabbit. ‘I want to know if you can walk any faster.’

Turtle still did not answer. He just kept on walking.

Rabbit was not one to give up easily. He hopped up on top of Turtle’s shell. Then he leaned over so that his face was right in front of Turtle’s face. Now Turtle had no choice. He had to listen.



‘Hi there,’ Rabbit said.

Turtle rolled his eyes. Then he spoke slowly. ‘Hello,’ said Turtle. ‘I know what you want, Rabbit. You want to race me so that you can show off.’

‘Why would I want to race you?’ laughed Rabbit. ‘That would be the easiest race I had ever won!’

‘Then why did you ask if I can walk any faster?’ asked Turtle.

‘Because there is a big storm coming. I thought that if you can’t walk faster, maybe I could help you get home quicker.’

Turtle raised his head. ‘Oh, my! I don’t want to get caught in a storm,’ he said. ‘If you don’t mind, Rabbit, I could use your help.’

And so Rabbit told Turtle to climb onto his back and hold on. Rabbit hopped down the road all the way to Turtle’s house. They got to Turtle’s house just in time. The two new friends sat by a warm fire long after the storm had passed.

Finding Main Idea

1. What is the story mostly about?

- Ⓐ a rabbit that wants to race a turtle
- Ⓑ a rabbit that wants to help a turtle
- Ⓒ a rabbit that wants a turtle to walk fast

Recalling Facts and Details

2. Rabbit met Turtle

- Ⓐ in the woods.
- Ⓑ on a busy road.
- Ⓒ at Turtle’s home.