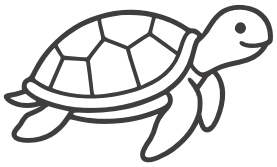
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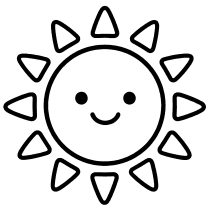
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1. What did the Wind and the Sun want to find out?

who was faster who was stronger where the road went

2. What did the traveler do when the Wind blew?

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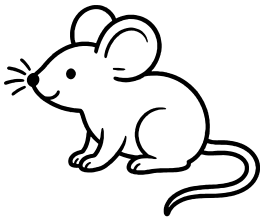
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1. Who came to visit first? **the town mouse** **the country mouse**

2. What scared the mice in town? **two dogs** **a storm** **a cat**

3. Why did the country mouse go home?

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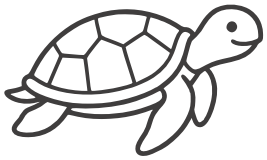
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1. Who laughed at Tortoise? **Lion and Hare** **Elephant and Hippo**

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1. Who were good friends? **the Moon and the fish** **the Sun and the Water**

2. Why did the Water not visit at first?

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Draw a line from each tale to its lesson.

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The Lesson of the Story

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Title

Characters

Setting

What happens

What the character learns

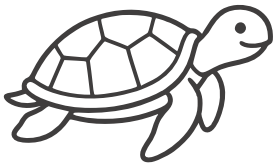
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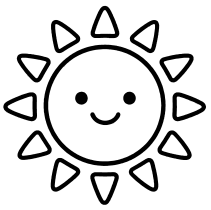
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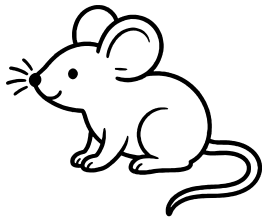
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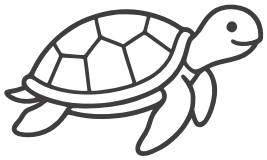
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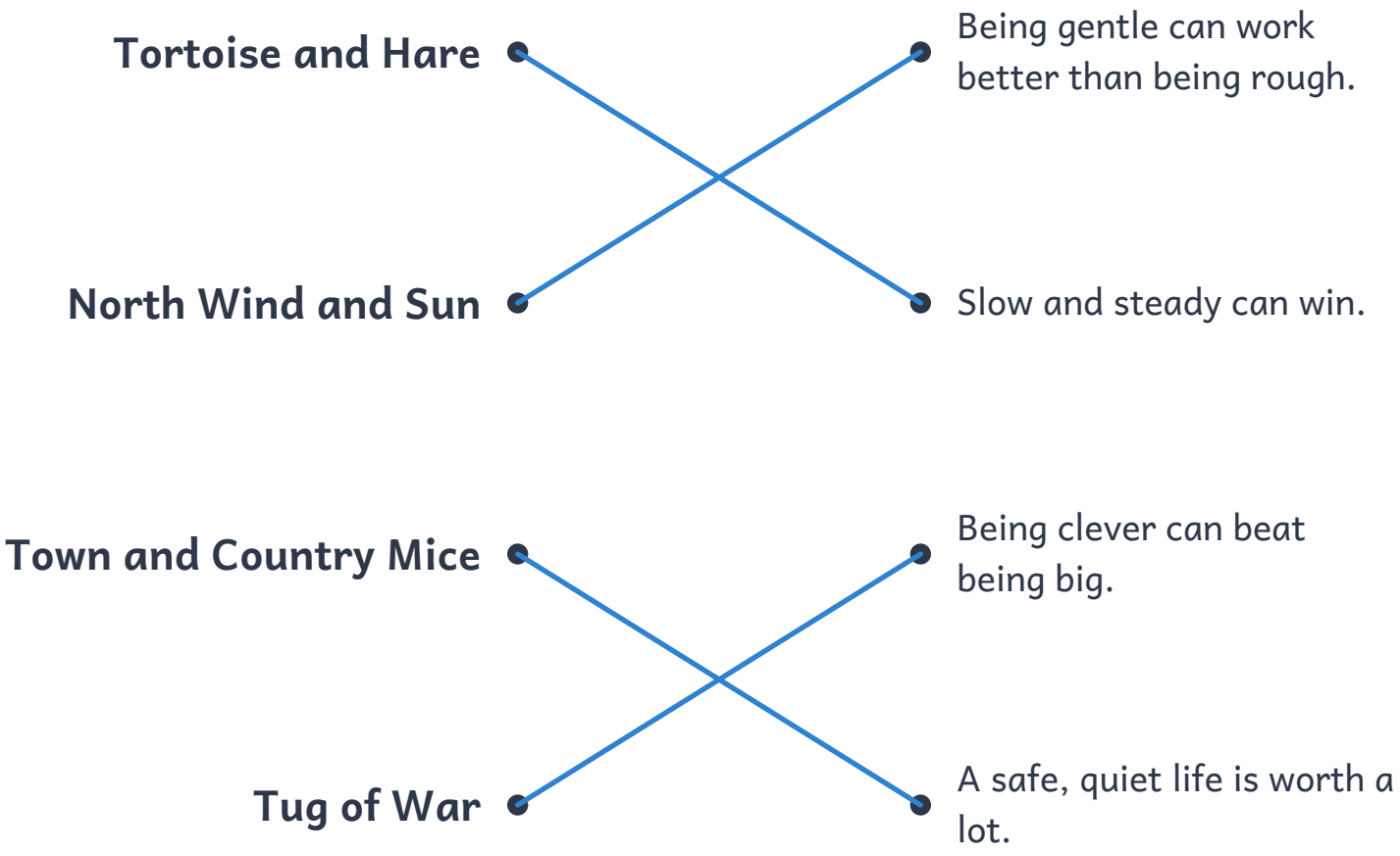
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