

# Finish the Story

Henry Hyena loves to write stories, but for some reason he is having trouble finishing the one below. Can you help him?

**Directions:** *Read the story and think about how you think it should end. Then write down your ending on the lines below. If you need more space, just continue writing on another sheet of paper. Be creative and have fun!*

## The Great Zoo Race

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“Today is the day!” shrieked Tommy the Tortoise. “It’s finally here! I’ve been waiting all year for this day to come, and now it has finally arrived.” He leaped from his bed and raced to the kitchen.

It was the first day of spring, and as all the animals at the zoo knew, the first day of spring meant only one thing...it was time once again for the Great Zoo Race.

The Great Zoo Race is the biggest event of the year. The fastest creatures, both big and small, gather together and run from one end of the zoo to the other. Whoever finishes first wins a huge trophy and is proclaimed “Fastest of All.”

For as long as anyone could remember, the Great Zoo Race was always won by a cheetah. After all, cheetahs are the fastest animals in the world. But Tommy the Tortoise didn’t care. Ever since he was small he dreamed of not only running against the bigger, faster animals, but beating them.

Tommy’s parents tried to convince him not to run. “You’re a tortoise,” they would remind him. “Tortoises are slow. You can’t beat those other animas in a race. How about you read a book today instead? That’s something we tortoises do quite well.”

“I know you think I’ll lose,” Tommy began. “But I have a plan. Just wait and see.” And with that, Tommy left his house behind and headed towards the race.

