

# The Terrible Trip Up!

Before Sports Day the fox team were boasting.

“We’ll win the trophy because we are so good!” said one of the foxes.

The rabbits were feeling worried about not being the best at anything.

The cheetahs were very fast.

“We’ll win the trophy because we are so fast,” said one of the cheetahs.

The rabbits, foxes and zebras practised the activities.

“We’ll win the trophy because we are so...” said one of the koalas and fell asleep.

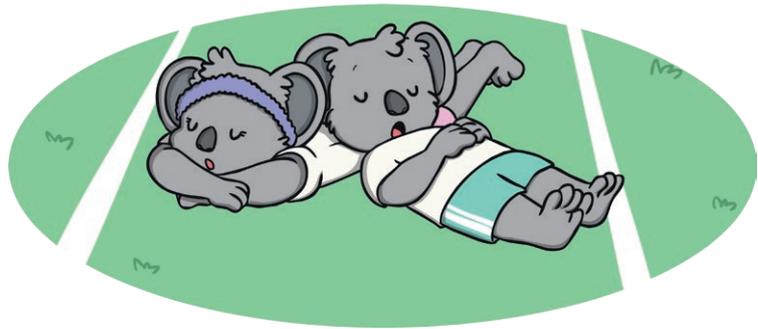
Sports Day arrived. The zebras won the egg and spoon race.

“We’ll win the trophy because we are so clever,” said one of the zebras.

Then, it was the running race and the cheetahs won. Next, was the three-legged race!

All the animals lined up in pairs with one of their legs tied. The whistle blew and they were off.

The koalas fell asleep at the starting line!



The cheetahs ran too fast and had to stop.

The foxes pulled in different ways and fell over.

The zebras argued and fell on top of the foxes.

The rabbits just kept on going. They carefully moved together, counting and helping each other to the finish line.

“They won the trophy because they are good at teamwork!” cheered all the animals.



# Questions

1. Who was boasting about being so good?

- the rabbits
- the foxes
- the elephants

2. What happened to the koalas in the three-legged race?

- they won
- they tripped up
- they fell asleep

3. Which race did the zebras win?

- the egg and spoon race
- the running race
- the art race

4. Who won the three-legged race?

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A few days before Sports Day, the fox team were telling everyone how brilliant they were at all the races.

“We’ll win the trophy because we’re so good!” said one of the foxes. All the animals were really looking forward to Sports Day but the rabbits were feeling a bit worried. They knew they weren’t the fastest, the smartest or the best at anything they knew of. The cheetahs were extremely fast and zoomed off down the freshly-painted track.

“We’ll win the trophy because we’re so fast,” said one of the cheetahs. The rabbits, foxes and zebras practised different activities and the koala team got ready for a nice, long nap.

“We’ll win the trophy because we’re so...” started one of the koalas then she fell asleep again.



Soon enough, the day had arrived and the rabbits wanted to have fun and try their best. The zebras did well at the egg and spoon race.

“We’ll win the trophy because we’re so clever,” said one of the zebras. Then, it was the running race and the cheetahs took the lead. Next up, was the three-legged race!



All the animals lined up at the start in their pairs with one of their legs tied to their partner. Suddenly, the whistle blew and they were off, apart from the koalas who fell asleep at the starting line! The cheetahs roared ahead very

fast but then they were out of breath and had to stop. Then, the foxes took the lead but were pulling in different directions and tripped over. The zebras argued about how to stop the others and landed on top of the foxes in a great big heap. The rabbits just kept on going. They carefully moved together, counting and helping each other stay up, all the way to the finish line.



“They won the trophy because they’re good at teamwork!” cheered all the animals.



# Questions

1. Who was worried about not being the fastest, smartest or best?

- the foxes  
 the rabbits  
 the cheetahs

2. What did the koalas do instead of practising?

- they drew a picture  
 they sang a song  
 they had a nice, long nap

3. **Tick two** teams who ended up in a heap.

- the cheetahs  
 the foxes  
 the zebras

4. Find and copy **one word** which means 'newly'.

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5. Complete the sentence by adding in the missing word.

The cheetahs \_\_\_\_\_ ahead very fast, but then they were out of breath and had to stop.

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 **the zebras**

4. Find and copy **one word** which means 'newly'.

**freshly**

5. Complete the sentence by adding in the missing word.

The cheetahs **roared** ahead very fast, but then they were out of breath and had to stop.

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It was only a few days before Sports Day and the fox team were busy boasting about how brilliant they were at all the races.

“We’ll win the trophy because we’re so good!” said one of the foxes as he put on his trainers before PE. All the animals were really looking forward to a whole day outside, taking part in all sorts of fun sport activities, but the rabbits were feeling a bit worried. They knew they weren’t the fastest, the smartest or the best at anything they knew of. During PE, everyone was amazed at the cheetahs. They were extremely fast, zooming off down the freshly-painted track.

“We’ll win the trophy because we’re so fast,” the cheetahs showed off. The rabbits, foxes and zebras practised different activities but the koala team just got themselves all comfy in the shade for another long nap.

“We’ll win the trophy because we’re so...” started one of the koalas before she let out a huge yawn and fell asleep again.



Soon enough, the day had arrived and the rabbits decided to just have fun and try their best. There was lots of cheering and it was really exciting. The zebras did well at the egg and spoon race.

“We’ll win the trophy because we’re so clever,” bragged the zebras. Then, it was the running race and, as predicted, the cheetahs took the lead. Next up, was the three-legged race!

All the animals lined up at the start in their pairs. Each animal had one of their legs carefully tied to their partner’s leg. Suddenly, the whistle blew and they were off, apart from the koalas, who

had fallen asleep at the starting line! The cheetahs roared ahead, so fast that they were soon panting and spluttering. They had run out of breath and had to stop. Then, the foxes took the lead



but were pulling in different directions; stretching the ribbon that tied their legs together until they tripped over. The cunning zebras had many sneaky ideas of how to win the race and stop the others but they couldn't agree. They weren't looking

where they were going so BANG! They carried on arguing as they landed on top of the foxes in a great big heap. The rabbits just kept on going. They carefully moved together, counting and helping each other stay up, all the way to the finish line.



“They won the trophy because they're good at teamwork!” cheered all the animals.



# Questions

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scared

guilty

worried

2. What did the cheetahs say that showed they were feeling confident about Sports Day?

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obstacle race

bat and ball race

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5. Complete the sentence.

“They won the trophy because they’re \_\_\_\_\_  
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# Answers

1. How were the rabbits feeling before Sports Day?

- scared
- guilty
- worried**

2. What did the cheetahs say that showed they were feeling confident about Sports Day?

**The cheetahs said, “We’ll win the trophy because we’re so fast”.**

3. **Tick two** Sports Day races that are not mentioned in the story.

- running race
- obstacle race**
- bat and ball race**

4. Find and copy one word that is used instead of **said**.

**Various answers, including: started; bragged; cheered.**

5. Complete the sentence.

“They won the trophy because they’re **good at teamwork**”

6. What do you think the other animals learnt from the rabbits and how did they learn this?

**Child’s own answers. Should include teamwork.**