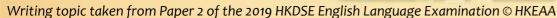
Creative Reglish Use of English Topic

In the tale *The Tortoise and the Hare*, two animals challenge each other to a race to prove who is the fastest. Mid-race, the hare lies down to rest, certain that it will win. The tortoise, though slow, never gives up and crosses the finishing line ahead of the hare. Slow and steady wins the race, as the message of the story goes.

- Re-write this story.
- Use the same characters but imagine that the tortoise and the hare team up to race against other contestants.
- Express a message through the telling of the story.
- Give your story a title.





1. Use Vivid Verbs to add flavour &

express more ideas in fewer words

Replace the underlined words below with vivid verbs.

The hare saw a noisy crowd gathering around the tree.		
He <u>went quickly</u>	to the tree to find out	
what was going on. The	ne animals were talking	
excitedly about the poster on the trunk. He <u>read</u>		
<u>carefully</u>	the words on the poster and	
learnt that an obstacle pair race would be held soon. The		
hare <u>said softly</u>	to himself, "I must	
find the best partner and win the grand prize!" He <u>looked</u>		
<u>steadily</u>	at the wide blue sky and	
started thinking deeply a	<u>about</u> who	
to team up with.		

Different Ways to Describe

Use these Chree strategies in combination to enliven the character(s) in action.

2. Use AGVATOS to describe actions

Add **adverbs** to the <u>underlined action verbs</u> to describe the mood of the characters and the manner of the actions.

The obstacle race was a tough one - all the tougher		
for a slow and small tortoise! While the hare could		
jump over the log hurdle, the		
tortoise could only <u>crawl</u> under it	ij	
and had to be lifted by the hare. When they came to		
the monkey bars, the tortoise frowned and sighed		
as he knew he could never get		
through. The hare <u>said</u> to his	į	
partner, "Get onto my back!" Then, he		
moved across the bars, making sure that the tortoise		
wouldn't fall off. After climbing the monkey bars, the		
hare <u>was panting</u>	j	

MOOD: excitedly, warmly, confidently, eagerly, seriously, furiously, worriedly, hopelessly, thankfully, impatiently, relunctantly, wearily

MANNER: effortlessly, strenuously, breathlessly, swiftly, slowly, softly, loudly, gently, hard, abruptly

3. Use Prepositional phrases

to describe actions

Add **prepositional phrases** to the <u>underlined</u> action verbs to provide further details about the feelings of the characters and the manner of the actions.

When the finish line was in sight, the hare	
and the tortoise could hear the crowd	
<u>squealing</u> . The cheering	
was heartening and the hare and the tortoise	
<u>pressed ahead</u> . When	
they finally crossed the finish line, the tortoise	
couldn't believe his eyes. He <u>asked</u> the hare	
, "Am I daydreaming?	
Have we won the race?" The hare answered	
, "Of course, we have!"	
They then hugged each other and capered	
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<u>WITH</u> fear, joy, sadness, delight, pride, excitement, respect, gratitude, disappointment, relief, hesitation, ease, difficulty, all	

IN anger, surprise, dismay, frustration, shock, regret, pain, grief,

OUT OF curiousity, jealousy, spite, fear, guilt

might, certainty

terror, doubt

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