

Literal – Look for the answer in the text!

How The Tortoise Got Its Shell

Warm up questions – Answer these questions before reading the text

1. What is the title of this story?
2. Which creature is this story going to be about? Draw your answer.
3. Do you think this will be a true story? Why?
4. Do you think this story will be written in the past, present, or future? Which word in the title lets you know?

Vocabulary check:

1. Find and copy the word 'feast'. Do you think there is a lot of food, or not a lot of food?
2. Find and copy the word 'yawned'. Act this out – how do you yawn?
3. Find and copy the word 'blazed'. Underline the word 'blaze' at the start of this word. Do you think a 'blaze' is a big fire, or a little fire? Draw your answer.

Main questions – try and answer these in full sentences (I've started off the first three for you. Try and come up with your own full sentences for the rest):

1. Write down the names of the two main characters in this story.
The names of the two main characters are...
2. Which character is more powerful, the tortoise or Jupiter?
The more powerful...
3. In the story, could the tortoise walk quickly in the past?
In the past...
4. What else did the tortoise like to do?
5. Why did the tortoise not go to Jupiter's party?
6. What did Jupiter think was wrong with the tortoise?
7. When Jupiter found out why the tortoise did not go to his party, how did he feel?
8. On a scale of 1 – 10, how angry do you think Jupiter was?

9. How did Jupiter punish the tortoise? **Draw your answer.**

Evaluative questions:

1. Choose two words from the list to describe Jupiter. Why have you chosen these words?
 - a. Loving
 - b. Strong
 - c. Forgiving
 - d. Cruel
2. Now do the same for the tortoise. Why have you chosen these words?
 - a. Lazy
 - b. Thoughtful
 - c. Selfish
 - d. Happy
3. Imagine the ending with Jupiter and tortoise. What should they have said to each other so that the story would have ended happily?
 - a. What should tortoise have said after Jupiter became angry?
 - b. What could Jupiter have said in response?
4. If the story had ended happily, what would tortoises be like now?
5. Why do you think these types of stories have been told over time?