



## Central Messages in Stories

### Today's Standard

2.RL.2 - Recount stories, including fables and folktales from diverse cultures, and determine their central message, lesson, or moral.

### Real-World Applications for this Standard

Discussing the moral of 'The Tortoise and the Hare'; Identifying the lesson in 'The Boy Who Cried Wolf'; Comparing messages in folktales from different cultures; Relating story morals to personal experiences

### Today I Learned

Today, we learned how to find the central message, lesson, or moral in stories, including fables and folktales from different cultures.

### Common Stumbling Blocks

Sometimes, kids think the message is always clearly stated in the story. They also might think there's only one right message. But messages can be inferred from what characters do, and different people might see different messages.

### Quiz Me

- What is a central message?
- Can you name a fable or folktale?
- What lesson did you learn from 'The Tortoise and the Hare'?
- How can you find the message in a story?
- Do all stories have just one message?

### Help Me

When you read stories, think about what the characters do and what happens to them. This can help you understand the lesson or message of the story. For example, in 'The Boy Who Cried Wolf', the boy learns that lying can cause people not to trust you.