

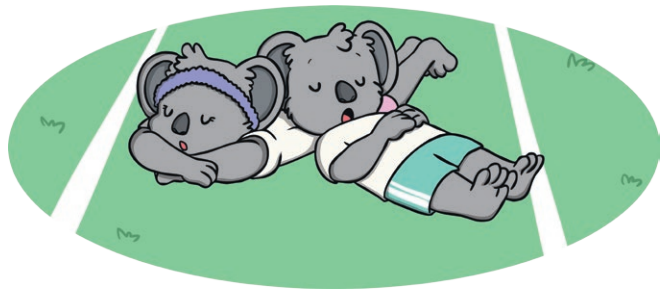
The Terrible Trip Up!

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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obstacle race

bat and ball race

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5. Complete the sentence.

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

Answers

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Various answers, including: started; bragged; cheered.

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Child's own answers. Should include teamwork.