



The Tortoise And The Treehouse



*Read the passage below and answer
the questions on the next page.*

In the middle of a sunny meadow lived a lively tortoise named Tilly. Tilly was slower than the other animals, but she was also wiser. One day, the animals in the meadow decided to build a treehouse. They were all excited and wanted to finish it in one day.

The squirrels began to quickly gather the wood, the birds started to weave the leaves, and the rabbits began digging a path to the tree. Everyone was working as quickly as possible, hoping to finish before sunset. But in their rush, they made many mistakes.

Tilly the tortoise, however, took her time. She carefully selected strong branches for the treehouse and slowly moved them to the construction site. The other animals laughed at her slow pace, but Tilly simply smiled and continued with her steady work.

By the end of the day, the hurried treehouse fell apart, but Tilly had built a strong base for a new one. Seeing this, the other animals realized their mistake. They understood that being patient and doing things carefully, though it might take longer, results in better outcomes. From that day on, they always remembered the lesson from the tortoise.

1) What did the animals in the meadow want to do?

2. How did the animals try to build the treehouse, and what was the result?

3) What was different about Tilly's approach to building the treehouse?

4) What is the main theme or lesson of this story?

5) How did the actions of Tilly help illustrate this theme?
