



The Three Hares

Listen to your parents' *warnings!*

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Mother Hare's three children were almost a month old. They lived with their parents in a deep, narrow hole. "Children," said Mother Hare, "It's time for you to be on your own. Listen carefully to what Father has to say."

Father Hare said, "When you leave, build a nest like ours. Dig yourself a run that is deep and narrow like ours. A deep hole with *twists* and turns will keep you safe from enemies."

The first little hare did not want to listen. "I will not be stuck deep in the ground," he thought. "I will build a house near the woods. It will be above ground where I can have light and fresh air." He collected sticks, leaves, bushes and grass and *heaped* them all together to make a home.

The little hare was hungry, so he went to the meadow to look for food. Someone else was also in the meadow: a hungry fox. "Come here," said the fox. "Let's have dinner together. You will be dinner!"

Usage Tip

10 *It's time for you to be on your own.* (p. 44, line 4)

句中片語 on one's own 指「靠自己一人」，引伸表達獨立、為自己的生活負責、不靠他人幫助。

• John has been on his own since he finished university.

Your turn



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The hare ran straight to his home. He **crawled** inside to hide. But the fox tore the house down and ate the hare for dinner. The little hare paid for not listening to his mother and father.

The second little hare said, "I do not like it 05 under the ground. I will build myself a house among the trees." He found a tree with lots of **enormous** roots on it and made a house among them. He built a house out of straw and **twigs**. When he was finished, he went to the meadow to 10 eat.

Talk About It

- Do you listen to your parents when they warn you about something? Why or why not?
- Yes, because I have found ... / Not usually because ...
- What do you feel this story is trying to teach us?
- I feel this story is trying to tell us ...

The same fox sat in the meadow. "Come," said the fox. "Let us **dine** together. You will be the dinner." The little hare ran to his home and hid between the tree roots and under his straw roof. It didn't take long before the nose of the fox **sniffed** him out. This hare also became the fox's dinner. Children really should listen to their parents! ▶

Usage Tip

The little hare paid for not listening to his mother and father. (p. 45, line 3)

片語 pay for ... 表「為某種行為付出代價或受到懲罰」。

- Jack paid for cheating on the test by failing the entire class.

Your turn



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The third little hare had listened carefully. He built his home close to his parents, so he could see them **regularly**. "Father said to dig my hole deep," he said to himself. "I will dig it deeper than our old home." It took several days to dig a longer and deeper run. He built many twists and turns. When finished, he went to the meadow to eat.

The fox was in the meadow again, and he was hungry. "Come here," he said to the third little hare. "Let's have dinner together. You will be the dinner." The fox **pursued** the hare all the way home. The third little hare **dove** into his run and hurried past all the twists and turns.

The fox tried to climb into the hole. But, the hare had built it well. The hare stayed warm and **snug** inside long after the fox had left. He thought pleasant thoughts about his mother and father. It had paid to listen to them when he lived at home. 🐰

Usage Tip

The fox pursued the hare all the way home. (p. 46, line 11)

片語 all the way 用來表達「一路上、這一整段時間中都在做某事」。

- The baby cried all the way home.

Your turn

Word Bank

hare (n) [hɛr] 野兔

This morning I found several **hares** in my garden eating the vegetables.

warning (n) [ˈwɔrnɪŋ] 告誡；警告

The government sent out a **warning** about flooding due to heavy rain.

twist (n) [twɪst] 轉彎；彎曲處

There were many **twists** and turns in the hotel, so it was hard to find our room.

heap (v) [hip] 使成堆，堆積

Flora picked up her clothes off the floor and **heaped** them on her bed.

crawl (v) [krɔl] 爬行

Cats love to **crawl** inside boxes.

enormous (adj) [ɪˈnɔrməs] 巨大的；龐大的

They are building an **enormous** mall next to my house.

twig (n) [twɪɡ] 細枝，嫩枝

She put **twigs** on top of the wood to light a fire.

dine (v) [daɪn] 吃晚餐；吃正餐

Our whole family tries to **dine** together every evening.

regularly (adv) [ˈrɛɡjələli] 經常地

Mary **regularly** visits her sister who lives across the country from her.

pursue (v) [pəˈsu] 追趕；追捕

The next-door neighbor's dog **pursued** a cat until it ran up a tree.

dive (v) [daɪv] (為躲避而) 衝，奔

The kids **dove** under their beds to hide from their older brother.

snug (adj) [snʌɡ] 感到溫暖舒適的

Evelyn made sure Max and Jack were **snug** in their beds before she left their room.

More Information

run (n) [rʌn] 通道

sniff (v) [snɪf] 嗅，聞

Word Bank Focus

snugly (adv) [snʌɡli] 緊貼地；舒適地

The shoes fit a little too **snugly**. They are not very comfortable.

snuggle (v) [snʌɡəl] 依偎，躺下

They **snuggled** under the blankets to stay warm.