1. Match the sentences to the pictures.

1. ![Picture 1]
2. ![Picture 2]
3. ![Picture 3]

A. “I’ll race you, Harry,” said Tom Tortoise quietly.
B. Tom Tortoise didn’t seem to be training at all.
C. Harry Hare loved running more than anything in the world.

2. Fill in the missing word in each sentence from the list on the left.

- making
- laughing
- boasting
- sleeping
- training
- feeling

A. “Well, you know, I do a lot of ________________________.” said Harry.
B. All day long, Tom heard Harry ________________________.
C. Harry was always ________________________ at Tom.
D. One morning, Harry was ________________________ very pleased with himself.
E. Meanwhile, Tom was slowly ________________________ his way along the course.
F. Nobody saw Harry ________________________ under his tree.

3. At the start of the race, Tom’s friends didn’t look happy because:

A. They didn’t want Tom to win.
B. They didn’t think Tom could win.
C. They didn’t like races.
D. They didn’t like Harry.

4. Put the sentences in story order, numbering them from 1 to 4.

A. Harry dived over the line, but he was too late. ____
B. He ran, faster than ever before. ____
C. Harry woke with a start. ____
D. He did a few stretches, then raced off. ____

5. Who was Aesop?

A. One of the characters in the story.
B. A zoo keeper.
C. No one really knows.
D. Nobody special.
Writing activity: imagine you are Tom Tortoise, giving a TV interview after the race, and tell the story in your own words. How did you feel when Harry challenged you? How did you prepare for the race? How did the race go? How do you feel now?

What do you think will make Harry feel better? Draw a picture.