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Everyone Loves an Underdog!

Why do we love underdogs so much? It is probably because we enjoy hearing success stories. We enjoy it even more when people in difficult circumstances go on to accomplish amazing things. History is full of people who have overcome **oppression, poverty**, and bad luck to achieve their goals. Some have gone on to become heroes who inspire others.

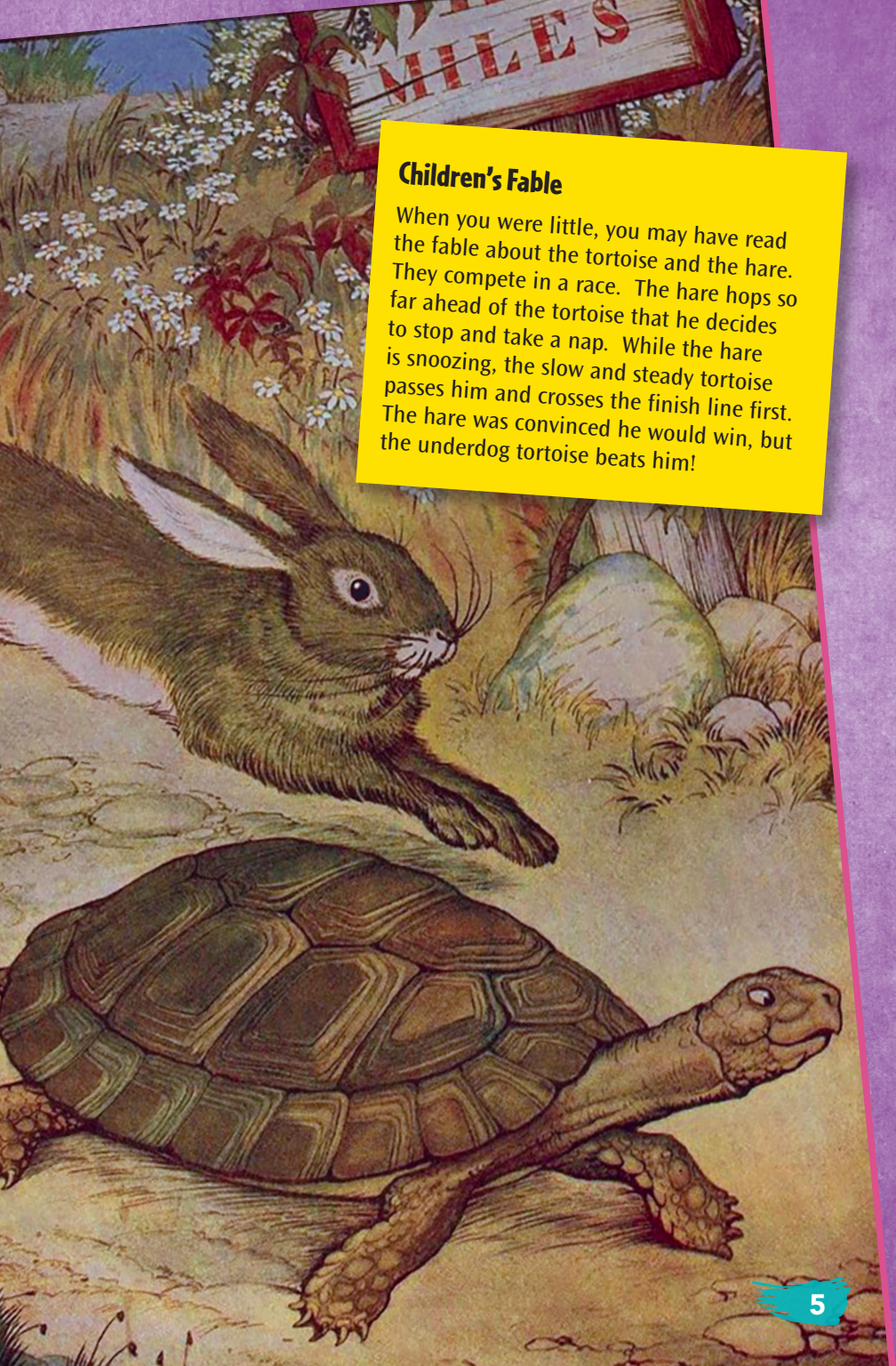
Many people feel motivated when they hear about a person who started a business with very little money and huge dreams. People like to believe that if they work hard, they can be successful, too.

Underdogs can be humans, animals, players on a sports team, and even characters from your favorite books. Let's meet some underdogs whose stories are sure to inspire you!



The Real Underdog

Underdog is the name of a cartoon superhero and his TV show. He is just an ordinary shoeshine boy by day, but when trouble comes to town, he transforms into Underdog! He is often clumsy and flies into walls and other objects. However, he always saves the day.

An illustration of a hare and a tortoise in a race. The hare is a brown rabbit with long ears, shown in a pouncing position. The tortoise is a large tortoise with a brown and green patterned shell, moving slowly. They are on a dirt path with grass and small white flowers. In the background, there is a wooden sign that says 'MILES' and some rocks.

Children's Fable

When you were little, you may have read the fable about the tortoise and the hare. They compete in a race. The hare hops so far ahead of the tortoise that he decides to stop and take a nap. While the hare is snoozing, the slow and steady tortoise passes him and crosses the finish line first. The hare was convinced he would win, but the underdog tortoise beats him!