

## What does it mean to be a good friend

### Fox, Tortoise and Leopard

It was rather unusual for Fox and Tortoise to be such good friends because they were so different: Fox was clever and quick, but Tortoise was heavy and slow. However, they loved being together, they laughed a lot and their differences didn't seem to matter at all. **Slide 1**

**Slide 2** One evening, when they were sitting and chatting by the riverside, handsome and dangerous Leopard leapt out of the bushes. Fox saw him immediately and jumped away from Leopard's sharp claws. Poor old Tortoise was too slow, so he just pulled his head into his lumpy shell and hoped for the best.

**Slide 3.** Leopard was hungry, so he scooped Tortoise into his paws and started scratching at his shell. Inside, Tortoise shuddered and, outside, hiding behind a tree, Fox shuddered, too!

Then, Leopard started gnawing away at Tortoise's shell until he heard Fox shouting at him:

**Slide 4** 'Stop, Leopard! You're doing that all wrong! I'm an expert at this sort of thing! That's not how to eat Tortoise!'

'Oh no!' thought Tortoise. 'Is my friend really going to tell Leopard how to eat me?'

'Before you can eat Tortoise, you need to soften his shell', continued Fox. 'So just throw Tortoise into the river and the water will make his shell softer.' **Slide 5**

Although Leopard was handsome and dangerous, he was not very clever, so he did exactly as Fox told him to and threw Tortoise into the river. As soon as Tortoise hit the bottom, he stretched out his little legs, poked his head out and sneaked away along the riverbed.

'How long should I wait?' Leopard asked Fox, as he noticed that the sun was starting to set.

'Until dark', Fox replied. 'The darker the better!'

**Slide 6** So Leopard waited till midnight, getting hungrier and angrier. Eventually he realized that he had been tricked and he never would have his Tortoise dinner.

**Slide 7** Fox and Leopard, however, had one more thing to joke and laugh about together!

Don't stand by and watch someone suffer – help them out – don't be a bystander.