

# Questions for You

Can you figure out why slower is faster?

Why does the tortoise always win the race?

*Take a peek below . . . for our poem-answer!*

*We think the answer is one and the same:*

When you go a bit slower you have a little more time  
to make sure you can do it in just the right way . . .  
so you won't have to repeat it again the next day!

A little slower is faster if a task you must master,  
and a slow steady pace can still win the race  
as long as you keep heading for the right place!

Just like some plants grow quickly and some are a bit pokey,  
some folks will learn faster and some folks will learn slower,  
but who cares about that? . . . just as long as we are growing!

Take it from one who learned slowly in her own plodding way.  
Lessons seemed like they took forever . . . in her tortoise-like brain,  
but she believed in these stories and knew she would win one day.

So she kept right on heading for just the right place,  
inching further along at her slow steady pace.  
Then one day a proud smile crept across her small face. . .  
when they announced . . . she'd won First Place . . . at a math field day race!

*Since you've read so far down the page as it is . . . we'll let you in on a little secret, which is this:*

*We bet some of you think . . . since we've answered this question so soon . . .  
there could be no reason left to read our new children's book!*

*If you truly think that . . . you'll find you are really in for it . . . just wait and see . . .  
for the questions on this page? Quite simply have nothing to do with that story! !!*

