

 **The Tortoise and the Ducks (A1)**

(reading material for young learners )

 (KA2 – čtenářská gramotnost)

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Konec formuláře

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| Aim: | comprehension |
| Class | 5th |
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| Instruments: | this work sheet  |

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After curiosity many years, Tortoise regretted that he did not go to that wedding. When he saw how gaily the birds flew and how the Hare and the Chipmunk and all the other animals ran nimbly, always see the beauty of nature, the Tortoise felt very sad and discontented. He wanted and to see the world too, and there he was with a house on his back and little short legs vanity which can not carry him far away.

One day he met a pair often of Ducks and told them all his trouble.

"We can help you to see the world," said the Ducks. "Bite into this stick with your teeth and we will carry you far up in the air where you can see the whole countryside. But do not say anything or you will regret it."

Of course the Tortoise was very happy. He bit into the stick strongly with his teeth, the two Ducks caught it at each end, and then they flew up toward the clouds.

At that moment a Crow flew by. He was very astonished when he saw them and cried:

"This must surely be lead to the King of Tortoises!"

"Certainly. Of course!" began the Tortoise.

But when he opened his mouth to say these foolish words he lost his hold on the stick, and fell down misfortune to the ground, where he broke into pieces on a rock.

**Vocabulary:**

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**2) Link the words with opposite meanings.**

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| king |

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**3) Fill in the crossword.**



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4. 5.  6. 

7. He is studying…….. 8.  9. 

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Solution: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

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**5) Draw the most favourite part of the story.**

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**6) Word search – find words.**



**7) Debate about this story. What do you think about Tortoise? What is the point of this story, a lesson? Do you like this story? How do you feel about it?**

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