

You spilled my drink! A man in a wheelchair in Paw Paw, Mich., pulled in front of a semitrailer truck at a gas station on Wednesday, and somehow his wheelchair became lodged by its handles to the truck's front grille. The truck pulled away, pushing the man down the highway for **4 miles** at **50 mph**, Michigan State Police said. He was secured in his wheelchair by a seat belt. A caller told dispatchers, "There is a semi truck pushing a guy in a wheelchair on Red Arrow Highway." Authorities suspected the report was a prank, until similar reports started coming in. Officers stopped the truck — with the wheelchair still attached. The truck driver didn't believe it until he stepped from his cab and saw for himself. The man in the wheelchair was unharmed, but noted that his soft drink had been spilled.

FAILED TRUCK DRIVER

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Rate: $\frac{50 \text{ miles}}{1 \text{ hour}}$

Rate: $\frac{60 \text{ minutes}}{1 \text{ hour}}$

$$\frac{4 \text{ miles}}{1} \cdot \frac{1 \text{ hour}}{50 \text{ miles}} \cdot \frac{60 \text{ minutes}}{1 \text{ hour}} = \frac{240 \text{ minutes}}{50}$$

$$= 4 \frac{4}{5} \text{ minutes}$$

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Biff: Live and on course! It's the ASTEC Network bringing you the challenge of the century... the race of all races... it's "The Tortoise and the Hare – The Rematch!" This is Biff reporting from the ASTEC booth. I'll be covering the race at ground level while my colleague, Tiff, gets the big picture from the ASTEC blimp.

Tiff: That's right, Biff. I've got a great view from up here. In fact, I can see the contenders going through their warm-up exercises right now.

Biff: Can you tell us exactly what they're doing?

Tiff: Well, Biff, the Hare has just finished a non-stop round of jumping jacks, hamstring stretches, and regulation push-ups. He's looking mean and lean.

Biff: Can you see the Tortoise, Tiff? What is the Tortoise doing?

Tiff: Frankly, Biff, he's not doing much of anything. He appears to just be sitting there.

Biff: Wow. You know, Tiff, even after all the hype, I don't think the Tortoise has much of a chance. The Hare is a far superior athlete! He only lost the last race because he stopped for a nap, and I don't think he's going to make that same mistake today. He's looking very focused.

Tiff: That's right, Biff. And don't forget the Hare's running shoes. They're made of a top-secret, super-lightweight plastic, and they have self-tying laces that readjust while he runs for a perfect fit. If you ask me, this race is over before it's begun.

Biff: Well, we'll know soon enough, Tiff... BANG!... There's the starting gun. Whoa! We're covered in a dust cloud here, Tiff. The Hare has taken off at lightening speed. I can't see the Tortoise, though. Can you see the Tortoise?

Tiff: That's affirmative, Biff. The Hare is speeding away from the starting gate in a blur, and the Tortoise... the Tortoise... he's slow and steady, Biff. Slow and steady.

Biff: There's some kind of commotion on the course, Tiff. Can you make it out?

Tiff: This is unbelievable, Biff! It seems that the Hare's self-tying shoelaces have become tied to each other! He's tripped and fallen. He's struggling with his laces, trying to untie them, but they only seem to be getting more tangled!

Biff: Where's the Tortoise, Tiff? Can you see the Tortoise?

Tiff: That's affirmative, Biff. The Tortoise continues slow and steady. He's gaining on the Hare, but he's still behind.

Biff: It appears the Hare has just ripped out his shoelaces in a fit of frustration. He's back on his feet, and he's off again...

Tiff: That's right, Biff. Just as quickly as before. He's incredibly fast! But wait... this is incredible!

Biff: Talk to me, Tiff. What's going on out there?

Tiff: This is amazing. It seems that the Hare created so much friction from running so fast that the heat has affected the top-secret plastic in his shoes. His shoes have melted to the ground. I repeat, the Hare is stuck to the ground. He can't move!

Biff: Where's the Tortoise, Tiff? Can you see the Tortoise?

Tiff: That's a yes, Biff. The Tortoise continues slow and steady. And the Hare still isn't moving. Those shoes are like super glue. If the Hare doesn't get moving soon, he could be in trouble!

Biff: You're right, Tiff. The Hare must really be sweating now. The Tortoise is gaining on him, slowly but steadily. They're neck and neck and... look! The Tortoise is in the lead! The crowd is going crazy!

Tiff: But wait, Biff. It's not over yet. From up here, it looks like the Hare's shoes have finally cooled down. He's pulling off his shoes and he's up and running again. Even barefoot, his speed is breathtaking.

Biff: He sure is fast, Tiff, but the Tortoise is definitely in the lead. And he's nearing the finish line. It may be too late!

Tiff: That's affirmative, Biff. The Hare is going at top speed, but you're right. It's not going to be enough. It's just not going to be enough.

Biff: You said it, Tiff. The Tortoise has just crossed the finish line! And here comes the Hare. He's crossing the finish line just a few seconds after the Tortoise, but those few seconds make all the difference!

Tiff: Well, that's the race, Biff. I can see the headline in the Algebra Times now...

Algebra Times

Thursday, January 27, 2010

Tortoise Trudges to Triumph

In an amazing series of events, the Tortoise has once again bested the Hare in a highly publicized foot-race. The Hare suffered from a series of unfortunate events, including tangled laces and melted shoes. The

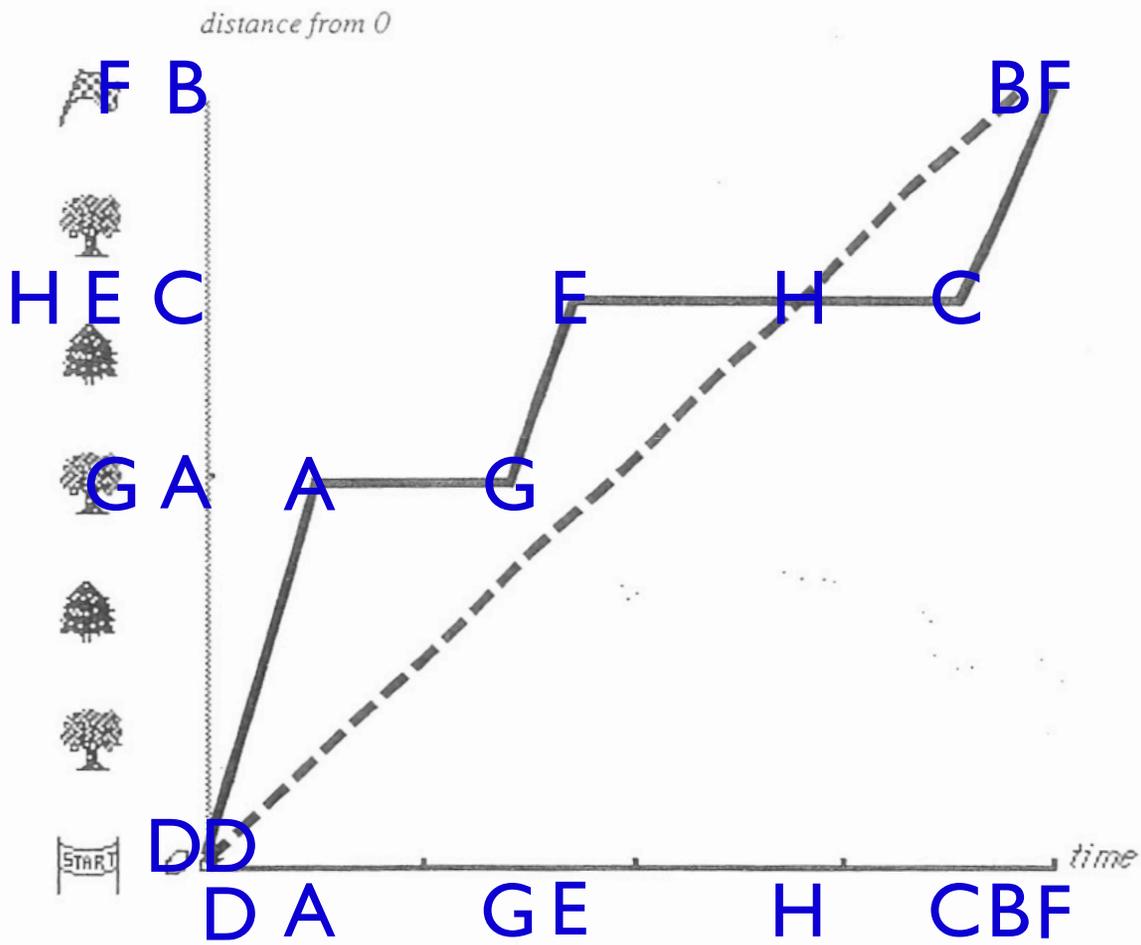
Tortoise maintained his time-tested strategy of plodding along at a slow and steady pace. The Hare was quoted as saying, "I just don't believe it. The Tortoise is slower than a snail! Just wait till the re-match!"

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The Events Worksheet 1

Here's a list of eight events that occurred during the race between the Tortoise and the Hare.

- A. The Hare's shoelaces get tangled and he stops running.
- B. The Tortoise arrives at the finish line.
- C. The Hare pulls off his melted shoes and continues running.
- D. The starting gun goes off and the racers begin running.
- E. The Hare's shoes melt and he stops running.
- F. The Hare arrives at the finish line.
- G. The Hare rips out his laces and continues running.
- H. The Tortoise passes the Hare.



KEY			
Hare	————	Finish Line Flag	
Tortoise	- - - -	Oak Tree	
		Pine Tree	
		Starting line	

Write each person's name on the graph that shows their situation.

- David got a large popcorn. He scarfed down the whole thing before the previews were even over!
- Shannon got a medium popcorn. She munched on it slowly and steadily the whole time, and finished towards the end of the movie.
- Laura got a large popcorn, but didn't start eating it for a while because she was so caught up in the movie. She ate it quickly for a while, but then slowed down when her stomach started to hurt.
- Brenda got a medium popcorn. She was so into the movie that she forgot it under her seat the whole time and didn't eat any.
- Alyssa got a jumbo sized popcorn. She was enjoying it at first, but then Albert bumped into her during the movie and most of it spilled out.
- Albert got a large popcorn and was eating it slowly. Then, the movie got exciting and he started eating it more quickly. Unfortunately, when his favorite character died in the movie, he lost his appetite and couldn't eat any more.

Popcorn Graph

