

# The Tortoise and the Eagle

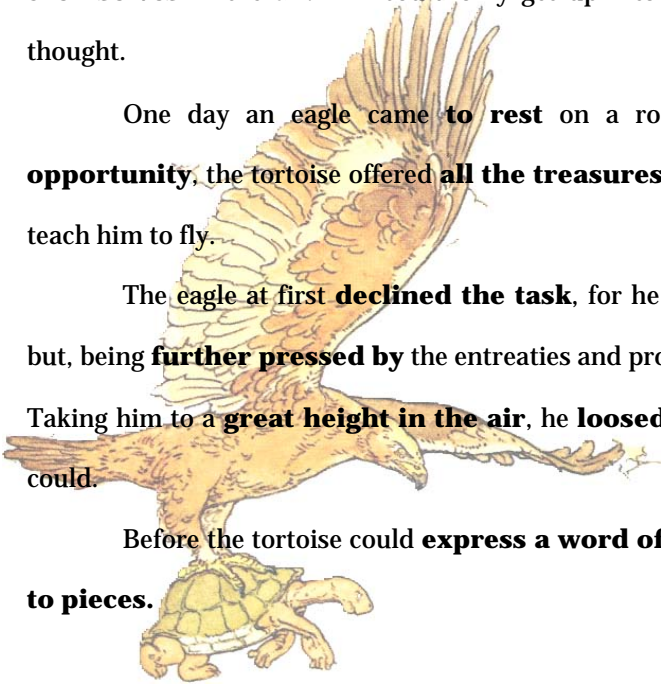
A tortoise **became dissatisfied** with his **lowly** life, when he saw so many birds **enjoying themselves** in the air. 'If I could only get up into the air, I could **soar** with the **best of them**, he thought.

One day an eagle came **to rest** on a rock beside him, and, **seizing** such a **favorable opportunity**, the tortoise offered **all the treasures of the sea** if only the **monarch of the air** would teach him to fly.

The eagle at first **declined the task**, for he considered it **not only absurd but impossible**, but, being **further pressed by** the entreaties and promises of the tortoise, he finally agreed to try.

Taking him to a **great height in the air**, he **loosed his hold**, bidding the stupid **creature** to fly if he could.

Before the tortoise could **express a word of thanks** he fell upon a huge rock and **was dashed to pieces**.



## Try to find expression(s) in the text which mean:

- To be happy – \_\_\_\_\_
- Boring – \_\_\_\_\_
- 'Died' – \_\_\_\_\_
- Promising moment – \_\_\_\_\_
- King – \_\_\_\_\_
- Let it go – \_\_\_\_\_
- Living being – \_\_\_\_\_
- Not to accept – \_\_\_\_\_
- Showing gratitude – \_\_\_\_\_
- Sounds stupid and cannot be done – \_\_\_\_\_
- To fly - \_\_\_\_\_
- To relax, sleep, etc... - \_\_\_\_\_
- Very invaluable things – \_\_\_\_\_

