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The following suggestions can easily fill several lessons for this story if you want your students to get enough speaking time and feedback from at least three classmates. There are a few general suggestions for classroom use at the end of this document. The story is easy for English language learners to understand if they have reached the level A2+.

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### **Before watching**

What is a trickster?

### Possible discussion points for year 9 and 10

- We have already talked about tricksters: can you think of a trick that has positive/negative effects?
- Animals who have human qualities (what is the purpose of a fable?)

### **Prediction**

- On blackboard write animals Africa good harvest
- Collect ideas about what might be in the story

### Possible answers:

- Types of food
- Party/celebration
- Somebody is a winner, so there must be losers too (possible here: emphasize spelling with one o, cp. adjective loose/looser)
- Problem/disagreement/conflict (remember: no problem = no story)

### Watch the video Tortoise Wins the Spicy Food Competition

# **Speaking**

- Collect word field on blackboard probably words like vegetables
   (aubergines/tomatoes, etc.), colours, feast/party, competition, how to win, greedy, trick/trickster, etc.
- On blackboard, students suggest/recall the phrases the animals say:
  - Lion "A competition to see who is the strongest"
  - o Elephant "A competition to see who ..."
  - o Birds ...