

## **Tortoise Wins the Spicy Food Competition**

(told to me by Roland Marshal. He heard it as a boy in primary school, Nigeria)

Animals had good harvest: especially tiny hot, spicy chilli peppers – so hot you need to cool your mouth [**show sucking in air to cool mouth**].

Decided to celebrate with feast – and a competition for fun.

Lion: Yes, see who is strongest!

Other animals want competition criterion to be *their* best ability – e.g. gazelle wanted fastest, etc.

Tortoise: No – to give everyone a fair chance, see who can eat spicy food longest

All agreed – fair for all, everyone has a chance

Tortoise: – **but rule is no sucking-in air to cool mouth!** Now because I thought of competition, I must remind you of rule every 30 seconds.

So every 30 seconds, Tortoise stopped eating to remind the others: “**Remember: no [shows sucking in air to cool mouth]!**”

And that is how Tortoise was the only one to have a cool mouth – and was able to eat the most food.

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