

Read before you read

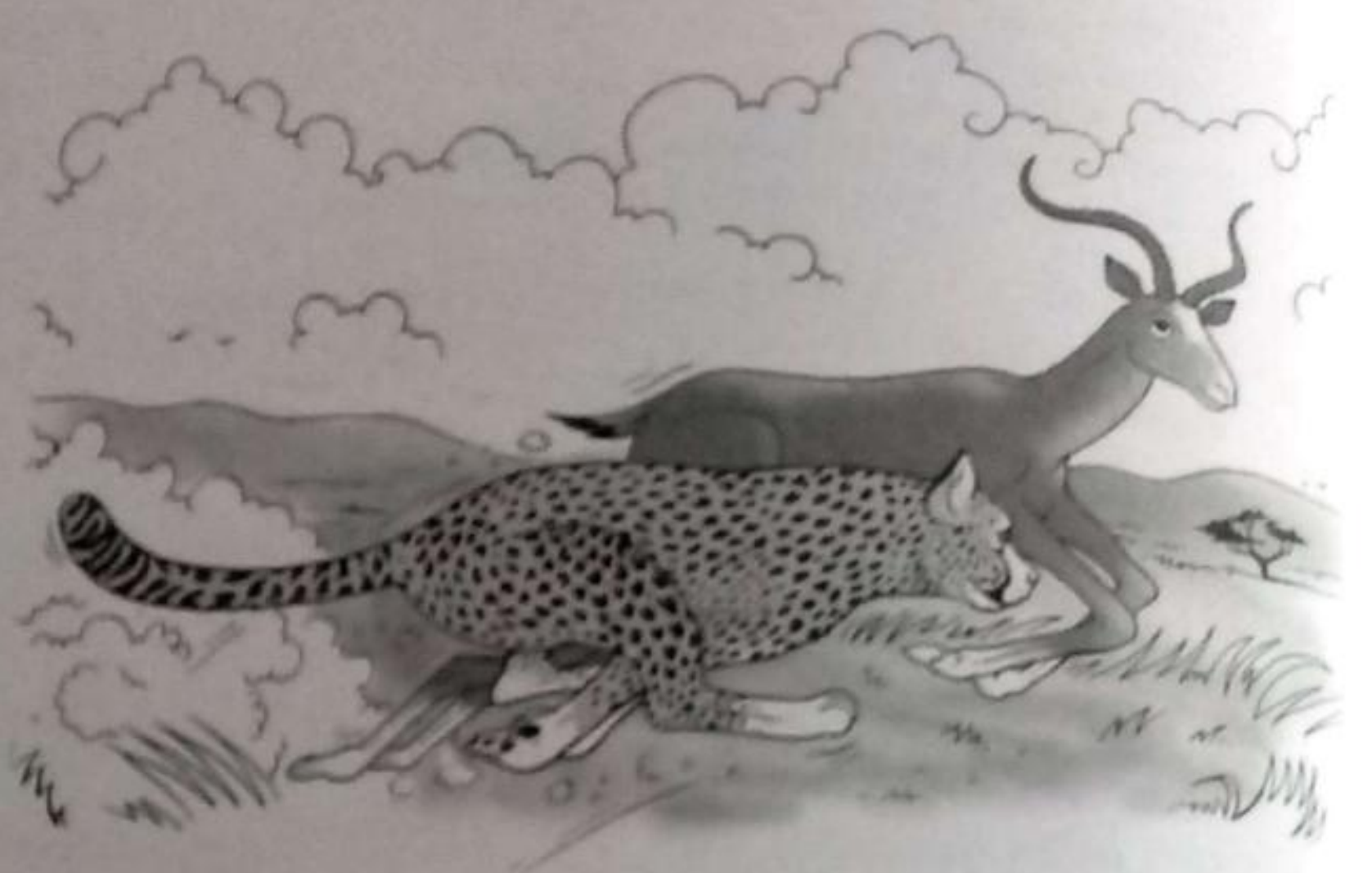
Has anyone been kind to you lately?  
1. Read the story.

### An African tale – How the cheetah got his speed

Once upon a time, the Creator wanted to find out which of his animals was the fastest. He gathered the animals together.

'We will have a race,' said the Creator. He chose the cheetah and the fastest of all antelopes.

Back then, the cheetah had soft paws, so he had to borrow a set of paws from the wild dog.



The race started from a tree and was to end at a hill in the distance. The Creator was looking on as the race began. The animals lined up. The wild dog said, 'On your marks, get set, go!'

The animals were off. Soon the antelope was way ahead. He was sure to win. Then suddenly he stumbled on a stone and fell. He had hurt his leg and could not get up.

The cheetah reached the antelope. Instead of running ahead to win, he stopped next to the injured antelope.

'I will help you up,' said the kind cheetah.

The Creator was happy to see this act of kindness.

'I will give you a gift, cheetah,' he said. 'You will be the fastest animal in the land and you can keep the paws of the wild dog.'



This is how the cheetah comes to be the fastest animal. It can reach speeds of 100 kilometres per hour!

A cheetah cannot pull in its claws like other cats.



How can we show kindness to others?

Answer the questions.

**Remember** Write full sentences.



a. Who was chosen for the race?

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b. What did the cheetah borrow?

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c. Where did the race start?

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d. Who was the race starter?

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e. What happened to the antelope?

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f. What gift did the cheetah receive?

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Write the answers.

What kind of character do you think the cheetah had?

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Why did the cheetah receive a gift?

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Is a cheetah faster than you on your bicycle? Explain your answer.

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Name one way in which you can show kindness to others.

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Find words in the story with the same meaning.

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tripped

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hurt

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animal feet

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60 minutes

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