

Zodiac

One day, the Jade Emperor wanted to find a new way to know what time it was. All animals on Earth were called to have a race. The faster an animal made it across the finish line, the better their number would be. Rat, Ox and Cat got up very early. Look! Cat and Ox ran fast, and Rat rode on Ox's back. When they got to a big river, Cat jumped up on Ox's back too. But in the middle of the river, Rat pushed Cat into the river!

Cat shouted: " Oh, no! " The river quickly took Cat away. And Rat then won first place by suddenly jumping down from Ox's back and running quickly over the finish line. Ox was second. Listen! There was a loud roar, and Tiger jumped over the finish line, with Rabbit right behind him. Tiger was third and Rabbit was fourth. Both are fast and like to run, but Tiger was faster. Dragon was fifth and his best friend, Snake was sixth. Horse and Goat were next. They were very kind and hardworking, but Horse was a little faster, so he came in seventh, and then Goat was eighth. Everyone was very excited. Now, only four more places were left!

"Who would be next? " There was a loud shout from the trees. Suddenly we saw Monkey using his long arms to swing from tree to tree, and then he swung cross over the finish line. Monkey was ninth! Then came Rooster, with his bright feathers, and close behind him was Dog, running as fast as he could. Rooster was tenth, Dog was eleventh.

“Who would be the last one? ”There was a loud shout from the trees again. Everyone waited, and waited, and waited... Then! There was Pig, running a little slowly as he crossed the finish line. “Hurray! ” There was a big party, and everyone was very happy! Wait! Not everyone. Only one person was not. Cat was very angry at Rat for pushing him in the river. And now if a rat sees a cat, all the rats will run away, and the cat will try to catch them.

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