

## The fastest cheetah on earth

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*Cheetahs are fast and everybody knows it, but the fastest was Spotty! He was legendary and he would always win. However, he was a selfish Cheetah.*

*One day he signed up for a race. 'What on earth!', said the Cheetah, 'I've lost my trainers'. He went into the jungle and found his old friend the Basilisk Lizard who runs across water. He stole back his old trainers that he had given his friend as a present.*

*The tournament was in the rainforest in Costa Rica. All the animals were very excited. The Green Iguana was waving the Costa Rican flag. The Sloth was still tying his laces. The Toucan was practising his squawk to start the race. The Red Eyed Tree Frog was stretching and jumping to warm up. The Harpy Eagle was extending his talons. The Caiman was watching the Toucan closely ready to jump. The Scarlet Macaw was the organiser and was flying high to show all the animals where the start line was.*

The Cheetah started to feel very guilty. He looked for his friend the Basilisk and said to him, 'I don't need my old trainers, I'm sorry I stole them from you'. 'That's OK' said the Basilisk Lizard,, 'they don't fit anyway!'. Spotty the Cheetah followed the Scarlet Macaw to the tournament.

There were four races. The jumping race, the skipping race, the swimming race and the running race. The winner of the jumping race was the Red Eyed Tree Frog. The winner of the skipping race was the Green Iguana. The winner of the swimming race was the Basilisk Lizard. The Sloth didn't win anything, but he didn't mind because he had a good time seeing all his friends.

Finally, the time had come for the running race. The Cheetah was very nervous because he had never run a race without his trainers before. He held his breath, waiting for the Toucan's squawk. 'Three, two, one, squawk', and they were off. The Basilisk was in the lead, but then suddenly the Cheetah speeded past, faster than he had ever run, even with his trainers on! He was the winner of the running race and kept his title for another year. He was never selfish again and everyone became friends with him. THE END!!!