

Turtle's Tale

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Here's a tale from the jungle,
hot, steamy, leafy and green.



From beneath the great trees,
which help keep our air clean.

Cruising the jungle river,
fish hunt for a snack.



If you fall in, then
the piranha will attack!

Meet our friend – turtle,
his shell is like a cycle hat.

It keeps his head safe,
saves him from being squashed flat.



On his jungle trek,
turtle sees a sloth at the river.
What happens next,
will make your skin shiver!

Now sloth is a bit slow,
and a little bit weird.



He hangs out in trees.
His fur looks like a beard!

Sloth isn't concentrating,
he loses his grip.
Sloth falls in the water
and gets a terrible nip!

Turtle is shocked!
What a terrible loss!
Who can he ask,
to help him safely across?

First turtle asks monkey,
“How do you avoid piranha so foul?”



“Swing across the river!”
replies monkey with a howl.

Swinging on a vine wont work,
because turtle can't grip!
If he tries to cross this way,
into the water he'll slip!

Turtle knows this isn't
the way he should go.
“How do you cross safely?”
Perhaps tapir will know.

Turtle looks for tapir,
who has a funny shaped snout.



A strange looking creature,
of that there's no doubt.

So turtle watches,
as tapir crosses the water.
But without tapir's snorkel nose,
turtle will bubble and falter.

Turtle knows this isn't
the way he should go.

“How do you cross safely?”

Perhaps basilisk lizard will know.

lizard tells turtle,
at the edge of the water,



“I run across quickly -
that’s how you ought to.”

Lizard sets off,
but takes a tumble and a slip.
Lizard doesn't make it
and fails to continue his trip!

Turtle is shocked!
What a terrible loss!
Who can he ask next,
to help him safely across?

Turtle decides - ask frog,
brilliant and green.



This little red eyed creature,
is a real jumping bean!

Red eyed green tree frog,
tries to cross with a leap.
But the piranhas, they grab him
and drag him down to the deep!

Turtle is shocked!
What a terrible loss!
Who can he ask now,
to help him safely across?

Finally turtle asks toucan
with his beak colorful and bright,



“How do cross safely?

Can you tell me which way is right?”

Wise toucan flew up to a branch
and told turtle, “the river is clear!”

Turtle swam safely across,
the jungle animals gave him a cheer!

But what have toucans
and turtles got to do with you?
It's a message for walkers
and cyclists too!

Walking and cycling
are ways to travel green.
It helps to keep you fit
and keeps the air clean!

Roads can be busy,
it's a jungle out there!
So when you're out travelling
you need to take care!

When out on your bike,
always wear a cycle hat.

It helps keep you safe,
saves your head being squashed
flat!

And when you reach the road,
don't try to cross in a dash.
Look for a safe crossing,
Don't do anything rash!

Cross at the toucan.
It's on the roadside to help you.
Its stops traffic for walkers,
and for cyclists too!



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