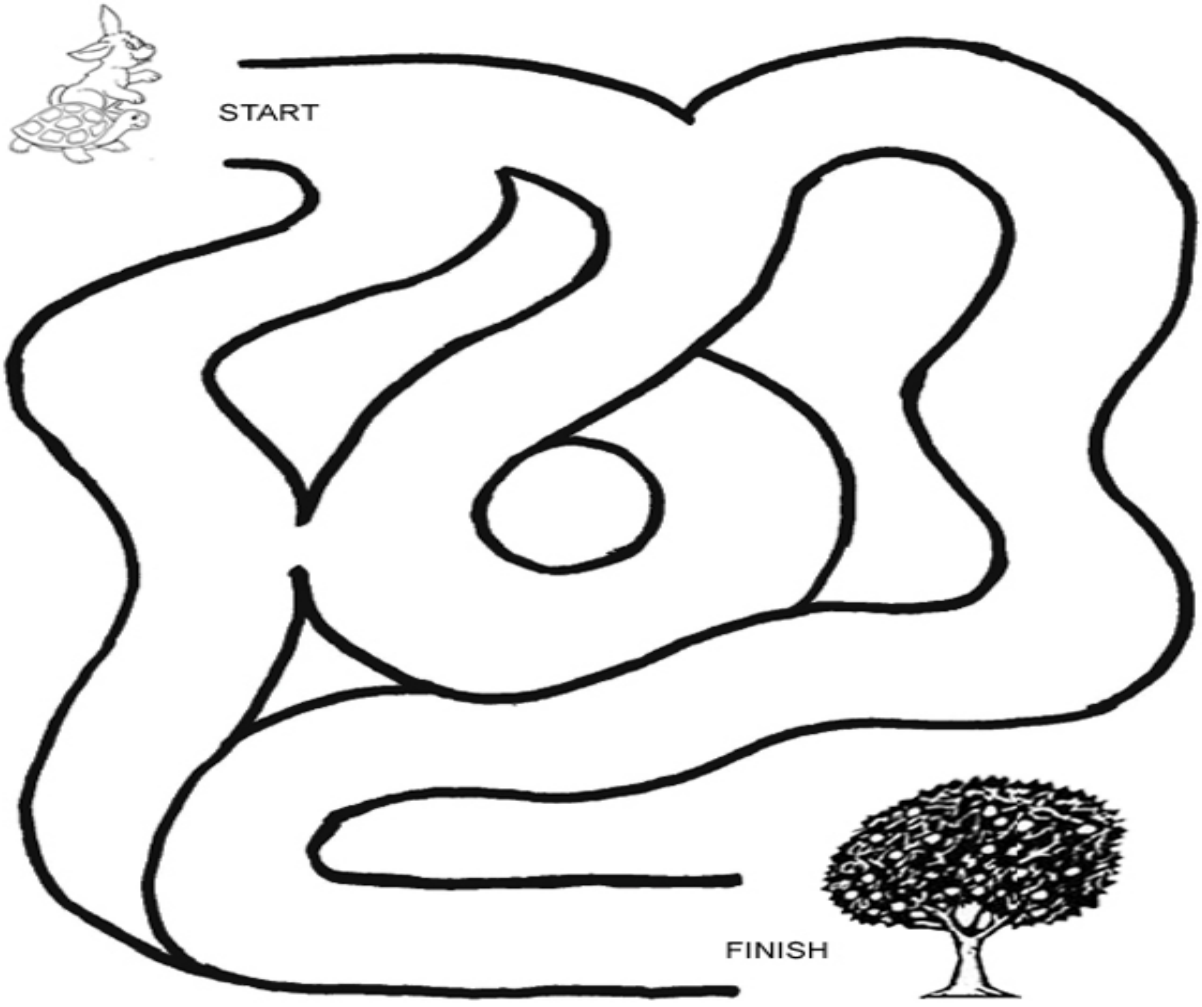Race the tortoise and the hare to the finish line