ALL:
Once upon a time there lived a very lazy bear who had lots of money and land. But he only wanted to sleep and sleep.

GROUP 1:
A hare lived down the road. Hare was clever, but sometimes he got into trouble.

GROUP 2:
Hare and his family were in very bad shape because of a risky bet Hare had made with a tortoise. The children were hungry.

GROUP 3:
Hare and Mrs. Hare cooked up a plan.

GROUP 4:
Hare hopped down to Bear’s house. Bear was asleep.

GROUP 5:
Wake up Bear! It’s me, Hare, and I have an idea.

GROUP 1:
Bear opened his eyes and grunted.
GROUP 2:
We can be business partners! All we need is your field. I’ll do all the work. We will split the profit.

GROUP 3:
Bear, do you want the top half, or the bottom half?

GROUP 4:
I’ll take the top half Hare.

ALL:
While Bear was sleeping, Hare and his family went to work. Bear slept as the crops grew.

GROUP 5:
When it was time for the harvest, Hare told Bear, “You get the tops, and I get the bottoms.”

GROUP 1:
Hare dug up the carrots, radishes, and the beets. He plucked off the tops and tossed them into a pile for Bear, and he took the bottoms.

GROUP 2:
Bear stared at his pile. “Hare you tricked me. You got all the best parts. Plant the field again and I want the bottoms.”

GROUP 3:
Bear went back to sleep, and Hare planted the field again.
GROUP 4:
At the end of the season Hare gathered up the lettuce, broccoli, and the celery and Bear got the roots.

GROUP 5:
Hare, you cheated me again. Plant the field again, and you owe me both tops and bottoms.

ALL:
Bear went back to sleep and Hare planted the crops.

GROUP 1:
At the end of the season, in front of Bear’s house was a field of corn. Hare pulled off the tassels on the top and the roots on the bottom and put them in a pile for Bear. He then took the ears of corn in the middle for himself.

GROUP 2:
Bear was wide-awake. That’s it Hare! From now on I will plant my own crops and take the tops, bottoms and the middle!

ALL:
Hare and Bear learned to live happily as neighbors, but THEY NEVER BECAME BUSINESS PARTNERS AGAIN!

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