

The Wind and the Sun listen to it [HERE](#).

The wind and the sun were arguing.

"I am the strongest!" said the wind.

"No, I am the strongest!" said the sun.

"I can blow trees over!" the wind bragged. "I can push ships across the ocean. I can make big storms like hurricanes and tornadoes!"

"Oh, really?" the sun replied. "Well, I can melt all the snow on the mountains. I can dry up a whole lake. I can make a sidewalk so hot you could cook an egg on it!"

Just then, they saw a man walking down the road wearing his winter coat.

"Let's have a contest to see who is more powerful," said the wind. "Whoever can get the man to take off his jacket first wins."

The sun agreed.

The wind went first. He blew a cold gust of wind at the man.

The man shivered and zipped up his jacket. "Brrr! It's so cold and windy today!"

It started to rain. The wind blew even harder and turned the rain into snow.

"Wow! It's snowing!" said the man. "The weather forecast didn't say anything about snow..."

He pulled his hood over his head.

The wind blew his strongest gust at the man, but the man's jacket stayed on.

"Hmm. It's a bit chilly today..." he said. "A winter storm must be coming..." He zipped his jacket up higher to cover his nose.

"Gah! This is impossible," said the wind. He stopped blowing.

"My turn!" said the sun.

First, the sun shined enough to stop the snow. The man took his hood off.

Then, the sun pushed the clouds away and gently shined down on the man. Suddenly, it was a beautiful spring day.

"Wow. The weather is really weird around here!" said the man. He unzipped his jacket.

The sun gently wiggled her fingers and made the temperature warmer.

"What strange weather. Now it feels like summer!" the man said as he started to sweat.

"Goodness me, it's so hot!"

He took off his winter jacket. He laid down on the grass to take a nap in the warm sun.

"I win!" said the sun, smiling brightly.

Reading Summary

- The wind and the sun argue about who is stronger and decide to have a contest to see who can make a man take off his jacket.
- The wind tries to blow the man's jacket off by making it cold and snowy, but the man just zips up his jacket tighter.
- The sun makes the man hot by shining brightly, so the man takes off his jacket, and the sun wins the contest.

Vocabulary

Term	Translation	Use the word in a sentence
hurricanes (noun)		
tornadoes (noun)		
forecast (noun)		
temperature (noun)		
powerful (adjective)		

Multiple Choice Questions

Question #1	Question #2	Question #3
According to the story, what did the wind brag about being able to do?	What did the man do after the sun came out from behind the clouds?	What did the man say after the wind blew a cold gust of wind at him?
<p>A. Melt all the snow on the mountains.</p> <p>B. Make a sidewalk so hot you could cook an egg on it.</p> <p>C. Blow trees over and make big storms.</p> <p>D. Dry up a whole lake.</p>	<p>A. He zipped up his jacket higher to cover his nose.</p> <p>B. He took off his winter jacket and laid down on the grass.</p> <p>C. He pulled his hood over his head because it started to snow.</p> <p>D. He shivered and zipped up his jacket because of the cold wind.</p>	<p>A. Wow! It's snowing!</p> <p>B. Goodness me, it's so hot!</p> <p>C. Brrr! It's so cold and windy today!</p> <p>D. What strange weather. Now it feels like summer!</p>

Question #4	Question #5
As it is used in the passage, the word "bragged" most closely means which of the following?	Which specific detail in the text strongly suggests that the sun is more patient than the wind?
<p>A. Spoke with excessive pride and self-satisfaction.</p> <p>B. Whispered a secret to someone.</p> <p>C. Sang a song quietly.</p> <p>D. Asked a question politely.</p>	<p>A. I am the strongest!' said the wind.</p> <p>B. The sun gently wiggled her fingers and made the temperature warmer.</p> <p>C. The wind blew even harder and turned the rain into snow.</p> <p>D. The wind blew his strongest gust at the man, but the man's jacket stayed on.</p>

Short Answer Questions

Question #1	What was the argument between the wind and the sun about?
Question #2	What did the sun say it could do to prove its strength?
Question #3	What did the wind do when it was his turn to try to get the man to take off his jacket?

Open Ended Questions

Question #1	The wind and the sun both tried to get the man to take off his jacket, but they had very different approaches. Describe a time when you tried to convince someone to do something. What approach did you take? What was the result?
Question #2	The wind used force to try to get the man to take off his jacket, but it didn't work. The sun used warmth and gentleness, which was successful. Have you ever tried to solve a problem using force or aggression? What happened? What could you have done differently?
Question #3	The story shows that sometimes a gentle approach is more effective than a forceful one. Think about a time when someone was gentle or kind to you, even when you didn't expect it. How did it make you feel? How did it change the situation?

Weather Vocabulary Matching Exercise

Instructions: Match the words in **Column A** with their correct meanings in **Column B**.

Column A (Words)

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| 1. Hurricane _____ | 7. Blow _____ | 13. Hood _____ |
| 2. Tornado _____ | 8. Blew _____ | 14. Cloud _____ |
| 3. Storm _____ | 9. Weather _____ | 15. Weird _____ |
| 4. Ocean _____ | 10. Forecast _____ | |
| 5. Gust _____ | 11. Chilly _____ | |
| 6. Shiver _____ | 12. Shine _____ | |

Column B (Meanings - Mixed Order)

- A. A strong wind that moves in circles and can cause damage
- B. The condition of the air (hot, cold, rainy, etc.) at a certain time
- C. A large, powerful storm that forms over the ocean
- D. A dark, white, or gray shape in the sky made of tiny water drops
- E. To move air by using your mouth or the wind
- F. A sudden, strong burst of wind
- G. To shake because you are cold or scared
- H. A prediction of what the weather will be like
- I. A piece of clothing attached to a jacket that covers your head
- J. To give off bright light, like the sun
- K. A heavy rainstorm with strong winds, lightning, or thunder
- L. Feeling a little cold
- M. Something very strange or unusual
- N. The past tense of "blow"
- O. A large body of salt water

Extension Activity: After matching the words, use five of them in your own sentences.

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 HURRICANE
 DAMAGE
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 GRAY
 OCEAN
 SUDDEN
 HOOD
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 STRONG
 CLOUD
 SHAKE
 CAUSE
 ATTACH
 TORNADO
 WEIRD
 POWERFUL
 CIRCLES
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