

THE WIND AND THE SUN



The wind and the sun had an argument about which of them was stronger. While they were arguing, a man came walking along the road wrapped in a cloak.

"Let's settle this once and for all," said the sun, "Whoever can make the man take off his cloak first will prove they are the strongest."

"Very well," growled the wind, and at once sent a cold, howling blast against the man.

With the first gust of wind the ends of the cloak whipped about the man's body. But he quickly wrapped it closely around him, and the harder the wind blew, the tighter he held it to him. The wind blew harder and harder at the cloak, but still the man held the cloak around him.

Then the sun began to shine. At first his beams were gentle, and in the pleasant warmth the man unbuttoned his cloak and let it hang loosely from his shoulders. The sun's rays grew warmer and warmer. The man took off his cap. At last he became so hot that he pulled off his cloak, and threw himself down in the welcome shade of a tree by the roadside.



Moral - Sometimes gentleness is mightier than the strongest force.

Please answer these questions from *The Wind and the Sun*

1. Use the following words from the story in sentences:
   argument, strong, whipped, cloak, gentle, pleasant, loosely

2. What were the sun and the wind trying to do?

3. What was more gentle, the sun or the wind?

4. What is the lesson from this fable?

5. What do you think . . . is it better to be strong or gentle?