

The North Wind and The Sun

Once upon a time, the North Wind and the Sun had an argument. Each one thought that it was stronger than the other.

"There's only one thing for it," said the North Wind.

"We will have to put our strength to the test and have a competition," it said.

Suddenly, they saw a traveller coming down the road.

"I've got an idea!" called the Sun. "That traveller is wearing a coat. Whichever one of us can make the traveller take their coat off will have proved themselves to be the strongest," it said.

The North Wind went first. It began to blow as hard as it could. The North Wind swirled and twirled and made the traveller's coat flap around. Yet, the harder that the North Wind blew, the more that the traveller buttoned up their coat and held it close to their body. At last, the North Wind stopped puffing and panting. It gave up in despair because there was nothing more that it could do.

"Is it my turn now?" asked the Sun.

The North Wind stopped and the clouds parted. The Sun shone gently at first and this made the traveller relax. Soon, the traveller unbuttoned their coat. Then, the Sun shone brighter and hotter than before. The traveller took off their coat and slung it over their shoulder. Finally, the Sun shone as bright and hot as it could and the traveller put their coat on the floor so that they could sit on it beneath a tree.

The Sun turned to the North Wind and asked, "So, who is stronger? You or me?"