

The North Wind and the Sun



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“Whichever one of us can make that person take off their coat is the strongest,” said the Sun.

The North Wind blew as hard as it could. It made the person’s coat flap around but the person just held the coat close to their body. The North Wind gave up.

The Sun started to shine. This made the person relax and unbutton their coat. The Sun shone brighter and hotter. The person took off their coat!

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"I've got an idea!" called the Sun. "Whichever one of us can make the person take their coat off is the strongest," said the Sun.

The North Wind blew as hard as it could and it made the person's coat flap around. The person buttoned up their coat and held it close to their body. The North Wind stopped puffing and panting. It gave up because there was nothing more that it could do.

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

The Sun shone gently at first. This made the person relax and unbutton their coat. Then, the Sun shone brighter and hotter. The person took off their coat and put it over their shoulder. Finally, the Sun shone as bright and hot as it could. The person put their coat on the floor so that they could sit on it.

"Who is stronger?" asked the Sun.

The moral of this story is that you should be kind and gentle if you want someone to do something for you.



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- ☐ to see who was the loudest
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2. Number the events from 1-3 to show the order that they happened in.

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- ☐ The Sun had an idea.
- ☐ The wind blew as hard as it could.

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

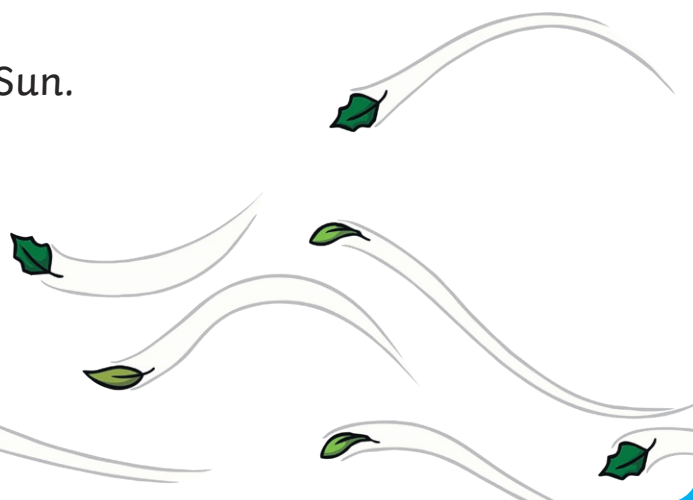
"We will have to put our strength to the test and have a competition," it said.

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.

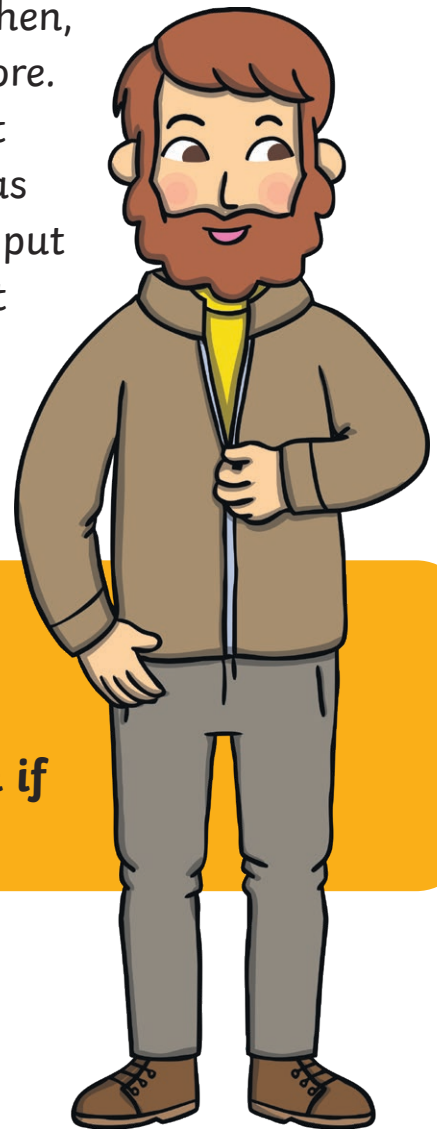
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The North Wind stopped and the clouds parted. The Sun shone gently at first and this made the traveller relax. Soon, the traveller unbuttoned their coat. Then, the Sun shone brighter and hotter than before. The traveller took off their coat and slung 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?"

The moral of this story is that you will have more chance of persuading someone to do something for you if you are kind and gentle to them rather than if you are mean and forceful.



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- ☐ that they were the loudest
- ☐ that they were the biggest
- ☐ that they were the strongest

2. Number the events from 1-4 to show the order in which they happen in the story. The first one has been done for you.

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- ☐ The traveller put their coat on the floor.
- ☒ 1 The North Wind and the Sun decide to have a competition.
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Pupils' own responses, such as: I think that the North Wind and the Sun will have another competition because the North Wind might want to prove to the Sun that it is the fastest instead of being the strongest.