

# The North Wind and the Sun<sup>1</sup>

*One of Aesop's Fables*

## **Before You Read**

What kind of weather do you love, like, or hate? Draw ☺, ☹, or ☹ under each one.

sunny      cloudy      rainy      windy      warm      hot      cool      cold



## **Reading**

One cool winter day the North Wind and the Sun had a big fight about which one of them was the stronger.

“Let’s decide by having a contest,” said the Sun.

They looked down from the sky and saw a man walking on a mountain road. He was wearing a warm winter coat.

“As a test of who is the stronger,” said the Sun, “Let’s see which of us can take the coat off that man.”

“It will be easy for me to make him take off his coat,” said the Wind.

The Wind blew hard. The birds held on tightly<sup>2</sup> to the trees and the air became filled with dust<sup>3</sup> and leaves. But the harder the Wind blew, the tighter the man pulled his coat around him.

Then, the Sun came out from behind a cloud. The Sun warmed the air and the ground. The man on the road unbuttoned<sup>4</sup> his coat.

The sun grew slowly brighter and brighter.

Soon the man felt very hot. He took off his coat and sat down under a tree.

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<sup>1</sup> Adapted from *Great Story Reading Project (storiesfirst.org)*

<sup>2</sup> tightly (adv.) 緊緊地 tight (adj.) 緊的

<sup>3</sup> dust (n.) 塵土

<sup>4</sup> unbutton(ed) (v.) 解下鈕扣

“How did you do that?” said the Wind.

“It was easy,” said the Sun. “I was gentle<sup>1</sup>.”

**5W1H: Who Where When What Why How**

**Who** had a contest?

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**Where** did they have the contest?

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**When** did they have the contest?

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**What** did they do in the contest?

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**Why** did they have the contest?

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**How** did the winner win the contest?

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***Tell a story.***

In our country, there are also many stories about the sun, the moon, the wind, or the water. Ask your family or look them up on the Net, and share them with your classmates.

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<sup>1</sup> gentle (adj.) 溫柔的