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Each reader's part is highlighted in color.

List of Characters

(in order of appearance)

- Group 1: Green
- Sun: Purple
- Wind: Light Blue
- Group 2: Blue
- Group 3: Orange
- Farmer: Red



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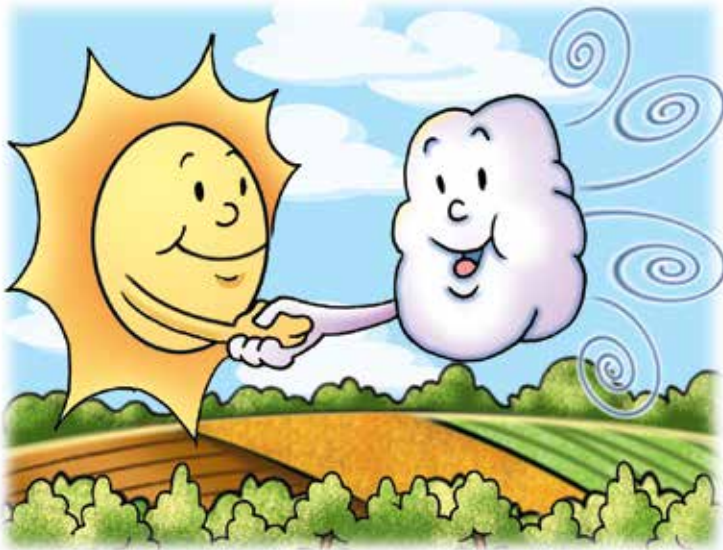
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Group 2: The wind lost the contest.

Wind: You won! I blew and blew, but I couldn't take off the farmer's coat. You made it sunny, and the farmer took it off by herself!

Sun: Do you see the lesson, Wind? We can do more when we are kind and gentle than when we use force.

Group 3: The wind never forgot the contest and never fought with the sun again.

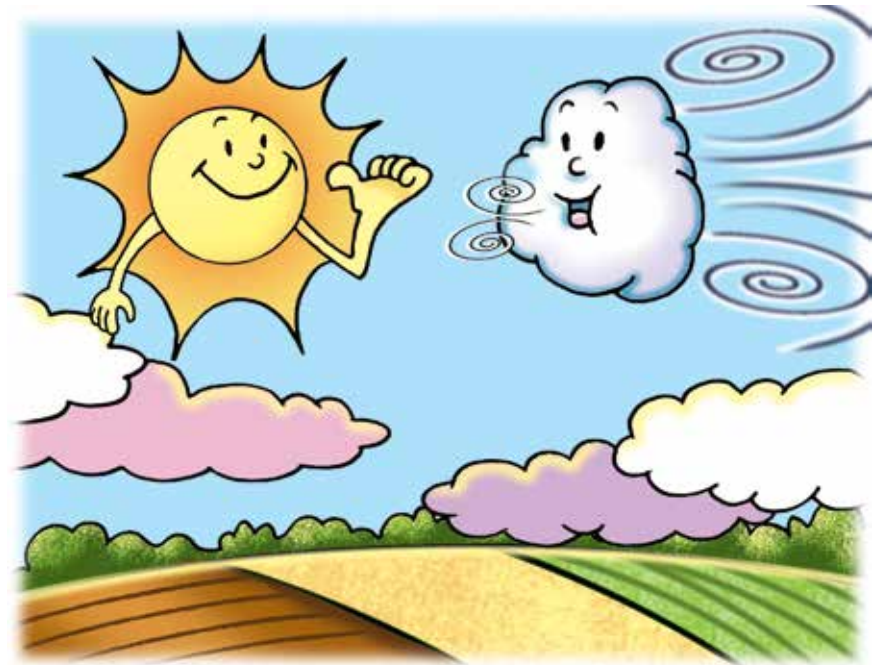


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Group 1: The wind and the sun lived high in the sky. One day, they argued.

Sun: Do you know what, Wind? I am much stronger than you.

Wind: What makes you think so?

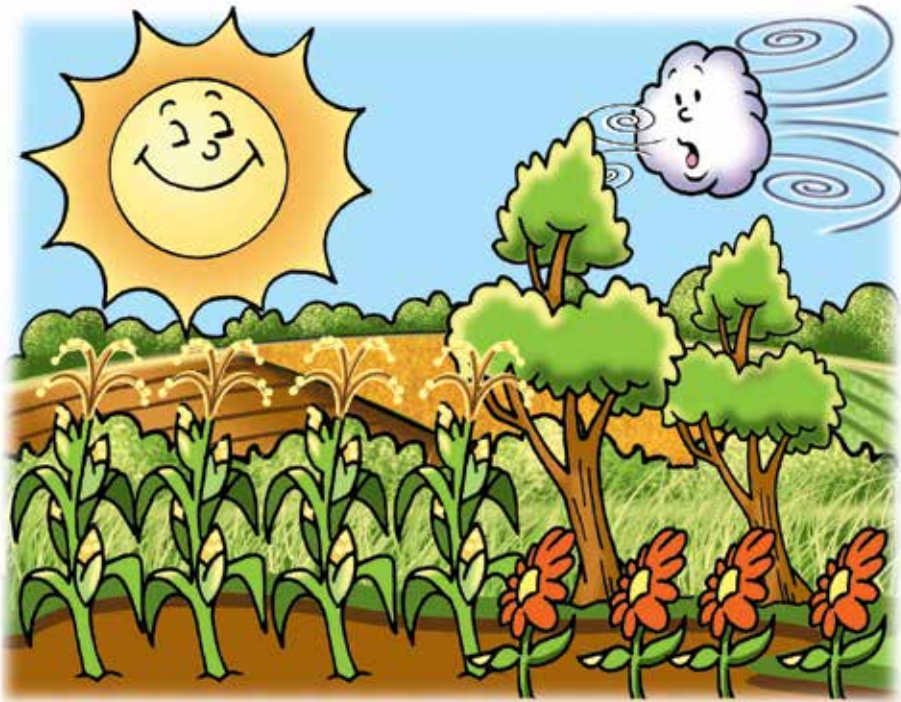


Sun: I can do things that you can't do.

Wind: Like what?

Group 2: The sun shone his bright rays on the mountains and fields.

Sun: Look! I give sunlight to the world. My light makes the flowers and trees grow.



Group 3: Birds sang in the trees. The farmer walked happily along the road. Soon she felt a little warm.

Farmer: What a pretty day! I think I'll take off my coat.

Group 1: The farmer unbuttoned all of the buttons and took off her coat. Then she fanned her face with her hat.

Farmer: Ahhh! That feels much better!

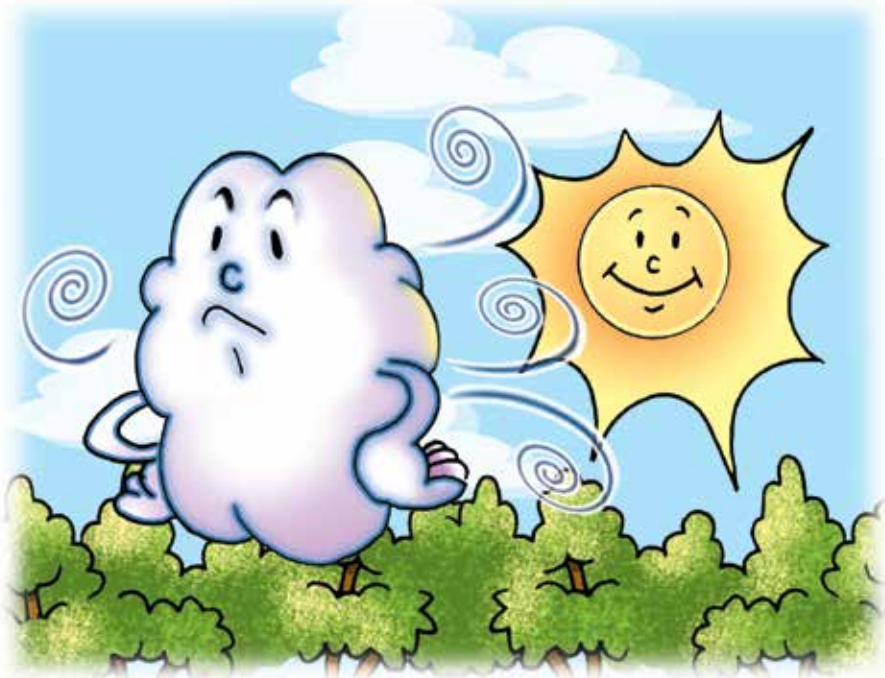


Wind: I give up! I can't take off this farmer's coat. I bet you can't, either!

Group 1: The sun came out from behind the clouds and smiled.

Sun: We'll see about that, Wind.

Group 2: Then the sun began to shine. The cold and stormy day ended. It became a beautiful day.

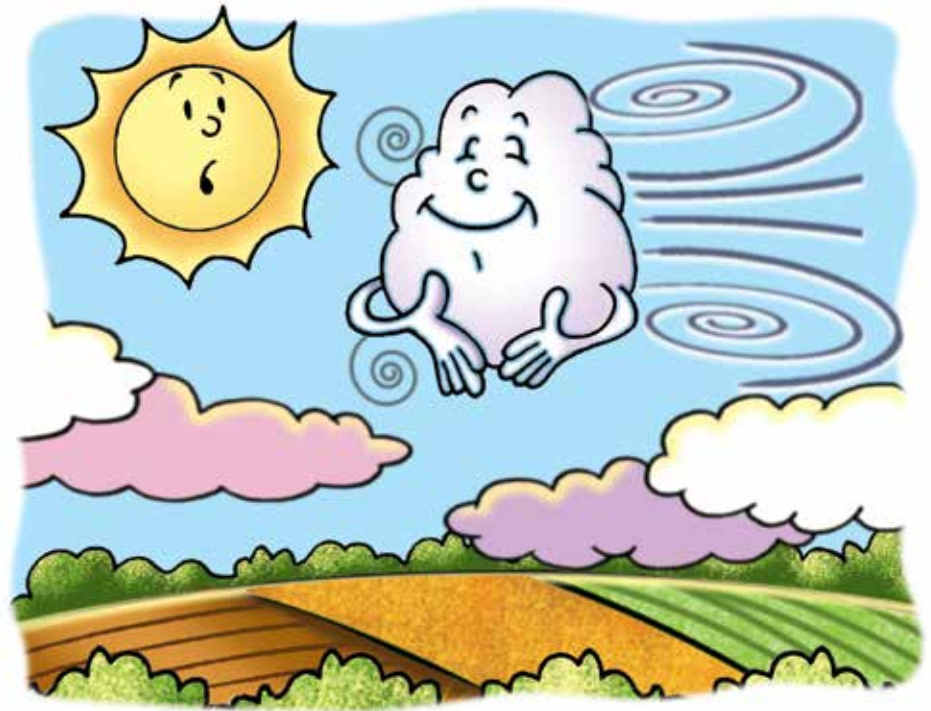


Group 3: The wind laughed.

Wind: Your light makes things grow. But that does not make you stronger than me

Sun: Why not? What can you do?

Wind: I can make things on Earth move.



Group 1: To prove his power, the wind blew on the sails of a ship. The ship sailed quickly across the sea.

Group 2: Then the wind blew and blew and blew again. This time, the sky turned gray, and rain began to fall. The wind and waves tossed the ship on the sea.

Wind: Do you see now, Sun? I am much stronger than you.



Wind: This farmer is tough. I will have to blow even harder.

Group 2: So the wind blew and blew. There was a great storm. Trees fell over. Barns shook. Animals ran to hide.

Group 3: The farmer turned up her coat collar to her ears. No matter how hard the wind tried, he could not take off the farmer's coat.



Group 2: The sun hid behind a cloud to stay out of the wind's way. Then the sun counted to three.

Sun: One, two, three!

Group 3: The wind began to blow.

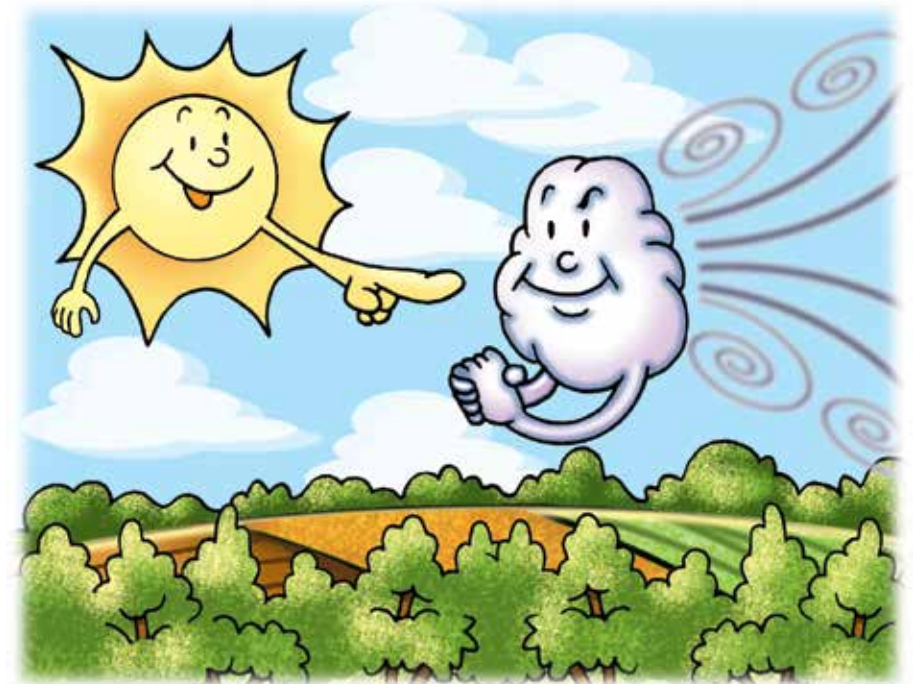
Group 1: He puffed up his cheeks and blew hard. The air turned cold. The farmer felt the weather change and buttoned up her coat.



Group 3: The sun was surprised by the wind's power. But the sun still didn't think that the wind was the stronger one.

Sun: Let's have a contest, Wind! That way, we will see who really is the stronger one.

Wind: That sounds like a good idea. What kind of contest should we have?



Group 1: Just then the sun saw a farmer walking up the road.

Sun: Look, Wind! Do you see that farmer?

Wind: Why, yes, I do. Do you want me to blow the farmer into the sky?

Sun: No. Let's see who can be the first one to take off the farmer's coat.

Wind: That's easy! I'll go first. You're going to be sorry, Sun!

