

The Wind and the Sun

3rd grade

One day, the wind started an argument with the sun. “I am stronger than you are!” said the wind. “No,” answered the sun, “I am much stronger than you are!”

While they were talking, they saw a man walking down the road. He was wearing a heavy coat. The sun said to the wind, “Now let us see which of us can make the man take off his coat. Then we will know who is stronger.”

First the wind tried. It began to blow very hard. It blew so hard that the man pulled his coat around him. The wind was angry at the man. Then the wind said to the sun, “Now it’s your turn. Let’s see if you can make him take off his coat!”

The sun began to shine down on the man. Soon it got very hot! The man took off his coat. The argument was over.

The Ant and the Grasshopper

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Once there lived an ant and a grasshopper. The ant worked very hard. But the grasshopper hardly worked.

The ant was busy looking for food. The grasshopper was busy dancing and singing.

“Why do you work so hard ? ” asked the grasshopper.

“Just look at me. How free I am ! How happy I am ! I never work. I dance and sing and have a good time. You don’t know how to enjoy yourself. What a silly ant you are!”

“I am laying up food for winter. I have to work hard,” said the ant.

“Winter is a long way off,” laughed the grasshopper and he danced away.

Summer was gone. And autumn was over.

The ant had a warm home, and she had enough food to eat. The poor grasshopper was cold and hungry.

He looked for food, but he could hardly find any. At last, he was starved to death.