

The Wind and the Sun

From Aesop's Fables



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I love using Aesop's Fables to teach life lessons to my students. The last week of March when we are studying wind I tell them the story of the ***Wind and the Sun***. I explain to them that these stories have a moral or lesson that they should learn and we discuss what that might be when I finish telling it.

Since these fables are very short they make fun interactive stories where all of your students can get involved. It's not quite a Reader's Theatre but a great introduction to that type of activity. I've made some clipart cards that you can hold up while you tell the story or you can pass them out to your students to hold up at the appropriate time while you're telling it.



After you've told the story reenact it by having some of your students play the part of the wind, while some of them play the part of the sun. Instruct the wind children to pretend to be really conceited and boisterous, puffing themselves up and blowing really hard making lots of wind noise.

If you want the wind noise to sound realistic, help them out by downloading the sound of the wind and then playing it. Microsoft has a variety of wind sounds that are perfect for this. Click on the link. [**Wind sounds.**](#)

<http://office.microsoft.com/en-us/images/results.aspx?qu=wind+weather>

You'll also need to assign students to play the part of the people that are affected by the wind and sun. Pass out some hats so that they can toss them off when the wind blows; they'll also need to put on their jackets or a

sweater so that they can clutch them tightly when the wind students are blowing extra hard.

They can then take them off and wipe their brows and act all hot and sweaty when the sun people shine on them. Designate a swimming area so that they can all jump in the “pond” to go swimming when the sun people reach their highest heat level.

They can then get out of the pool and lay on the “beach” as the sun students shine over them. The wind people can then say in unison: *“Sun you have won our bet; you are the strongest!”*

During snack time I show several Aesop Fable videos. My set stars Bill Cosby.

Click on the links to several YouTube videos of this tale.

There are quite a few, but I thought these 2 were the best.

http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=cYg7_yYuXPM&feature=related

<http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=1HJ9KxyRXMw&NR=1&feature=fvwp>

The Wind And The Sun

Once upon a time the Wind and the Sun were talking. The Wind was always making fun of the sun, laughing and boasting and saying that he was much stronger than he was. The Sun had had enough of this nonsense and said:

“You are NOT stronger than I am!”

“Oh yes I am!” Boasted the conceited Wind. “I can prove it! We shall have a contest. See those people down there. I can make that man take off his coat!” “OK!” replied the Sun. “You’re on! I accept your silly bet. I can easily get the man to take off his coat! I will once and for all prove to you that I am stronger than you are!”

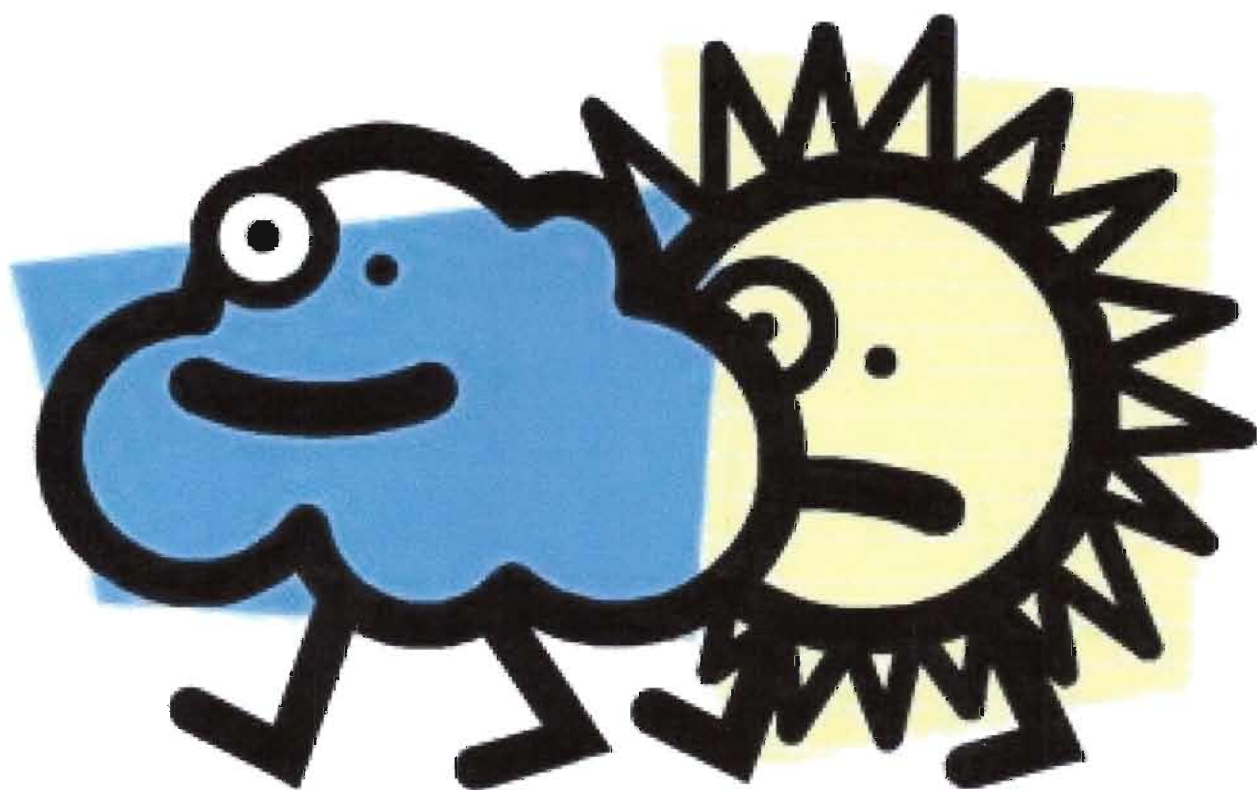
The wind puffed himself up and huffed and puffed and blew as hard as he could. He blew one man’s hat clear off his head and the man ran after it. He blew again and again and the trees swayed and another man’s hat blew off his head and he didn’t even know it! He blew some more and leaves flew off the trees but the man did not take off his coat. Instead the people below clutched at their coats and held them tighter. The wind was very angry. No matter how hard he blew he could not get the coat off the man nor anyone else.

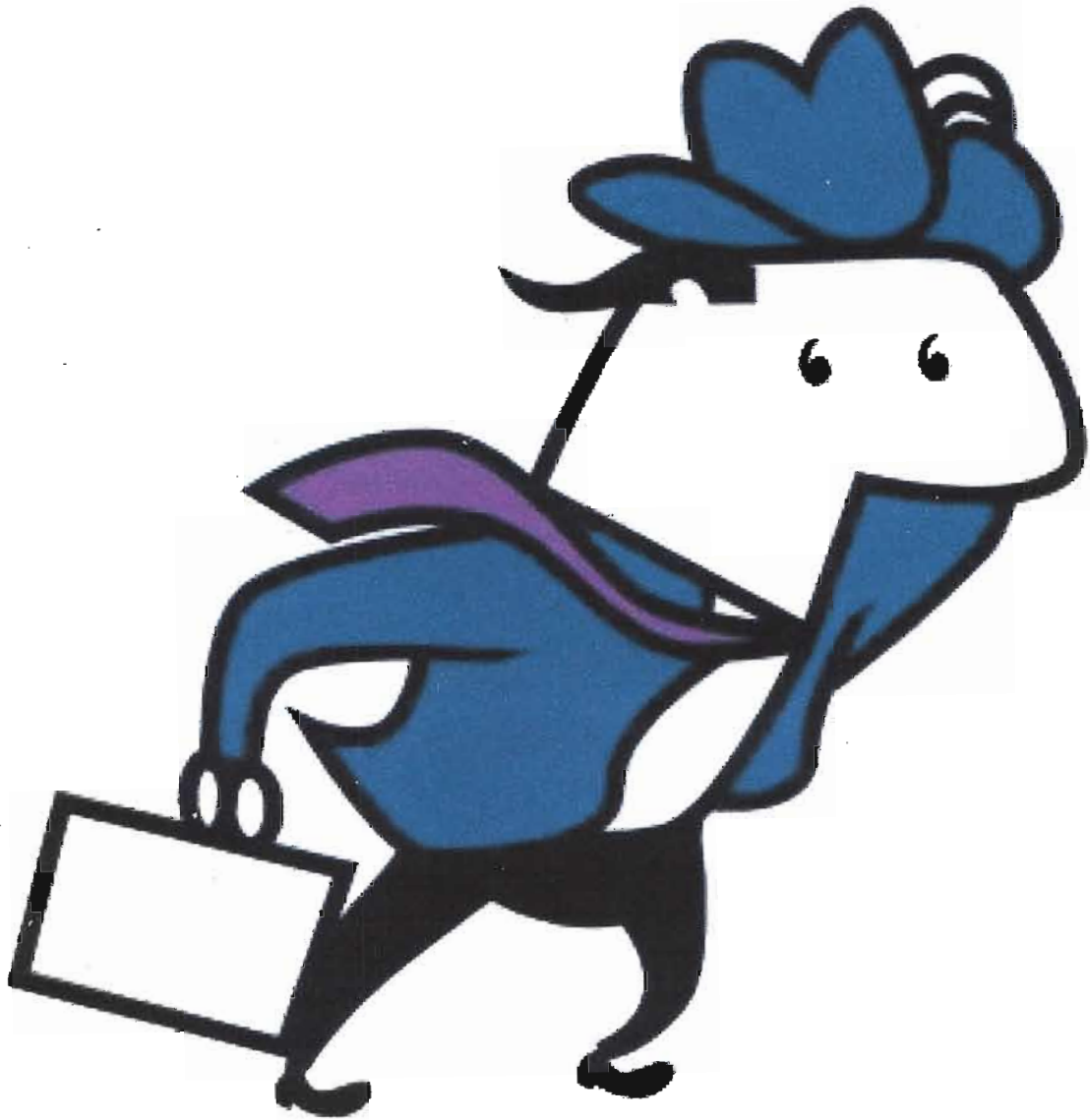
Then it was the Sun’s turn. The sun began to shine brightly. He shone his lovely yellow rays of sunshine on the land. He shone his lovely yellow rays of sunshine on the trees and on the houses. The people below looked up at the sun and were happy. They yelled “Hurray!” The temperature began to rise. It became very hot. The sun shone on the water. The man took off his coat. The man took off his shirt and pants. The other people did too. They were so hot they decided to go swimming and then they laid in the sunshine and enjoyed the sun. The sun was happy.

The Wind told the Sun. “You have won. You are stronger than I am.”

At the end of the day the only wind the people needed was from a fan.

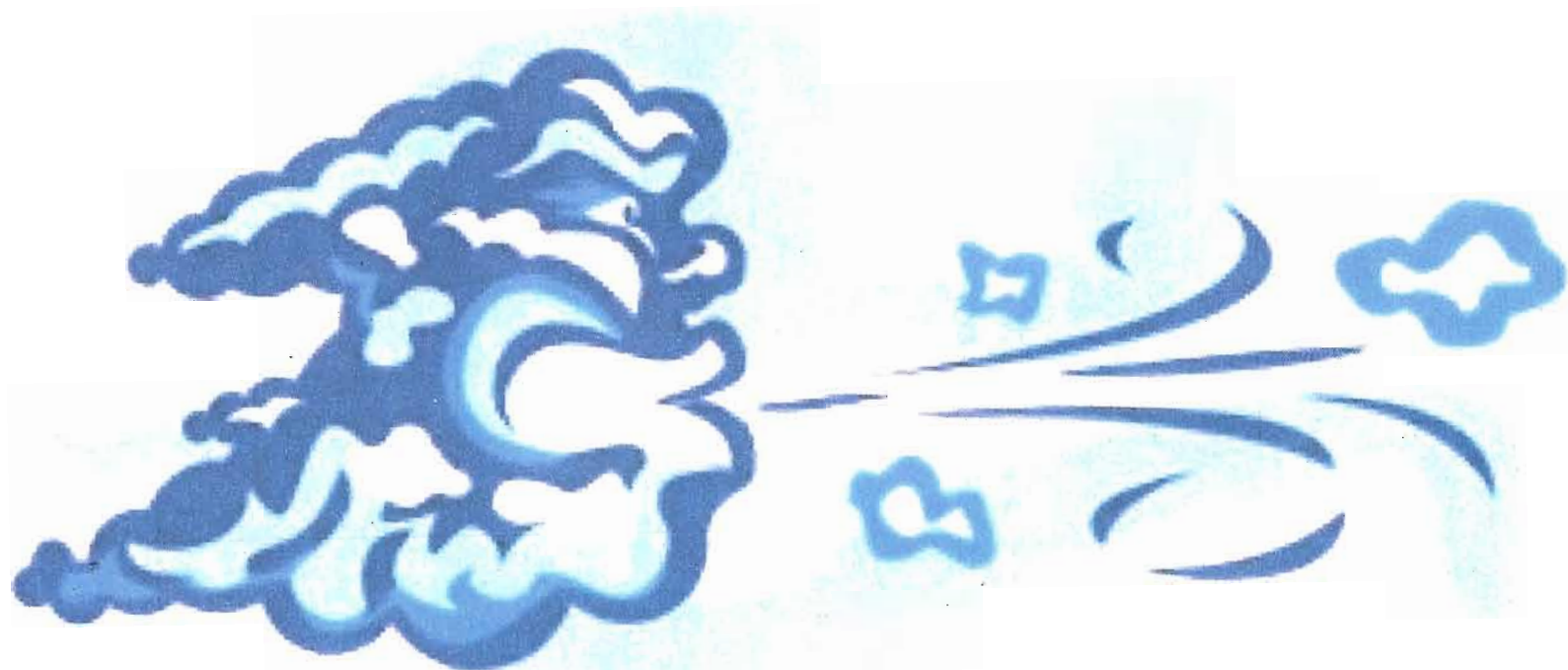
What is the moral of the story?





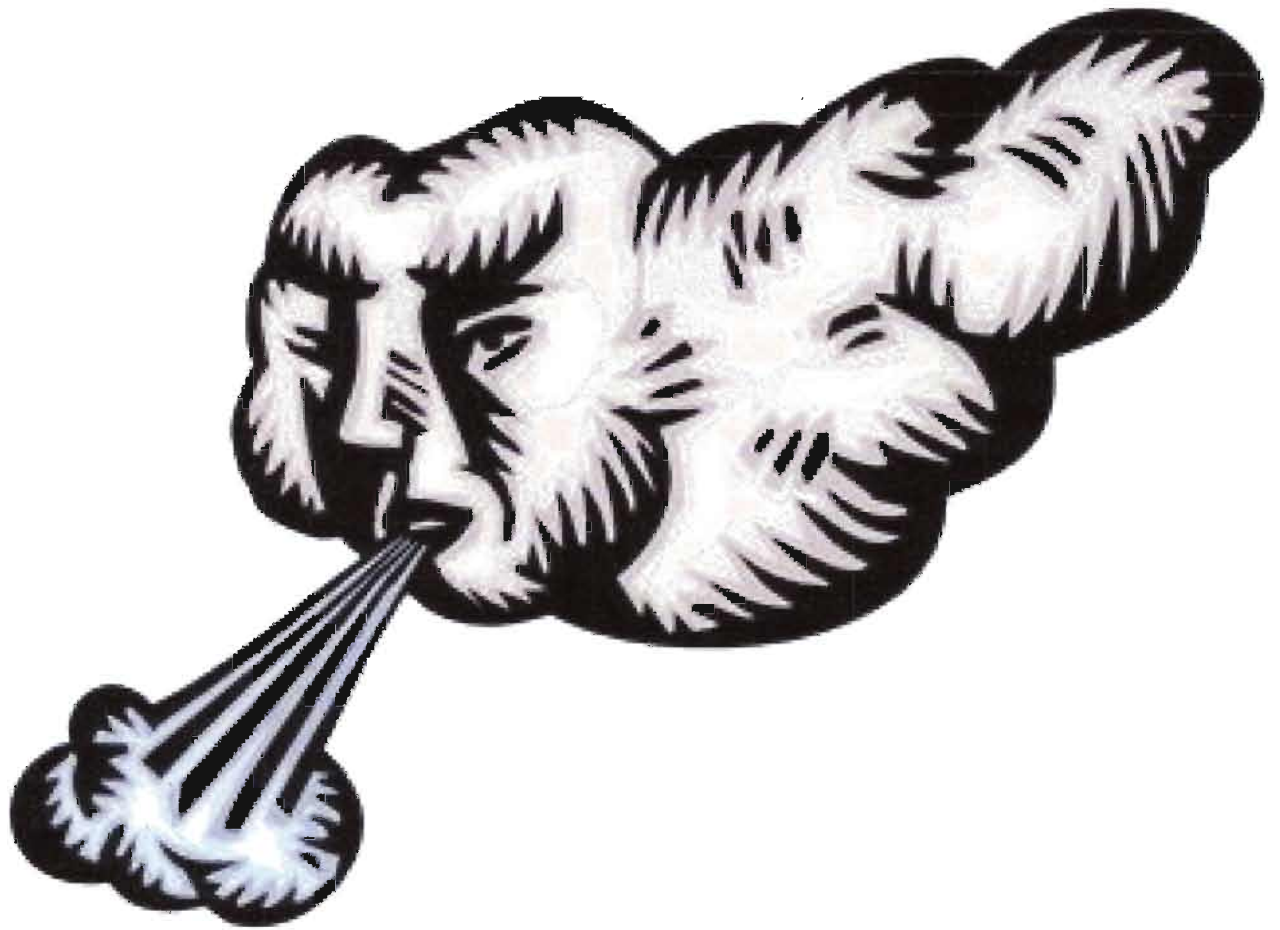
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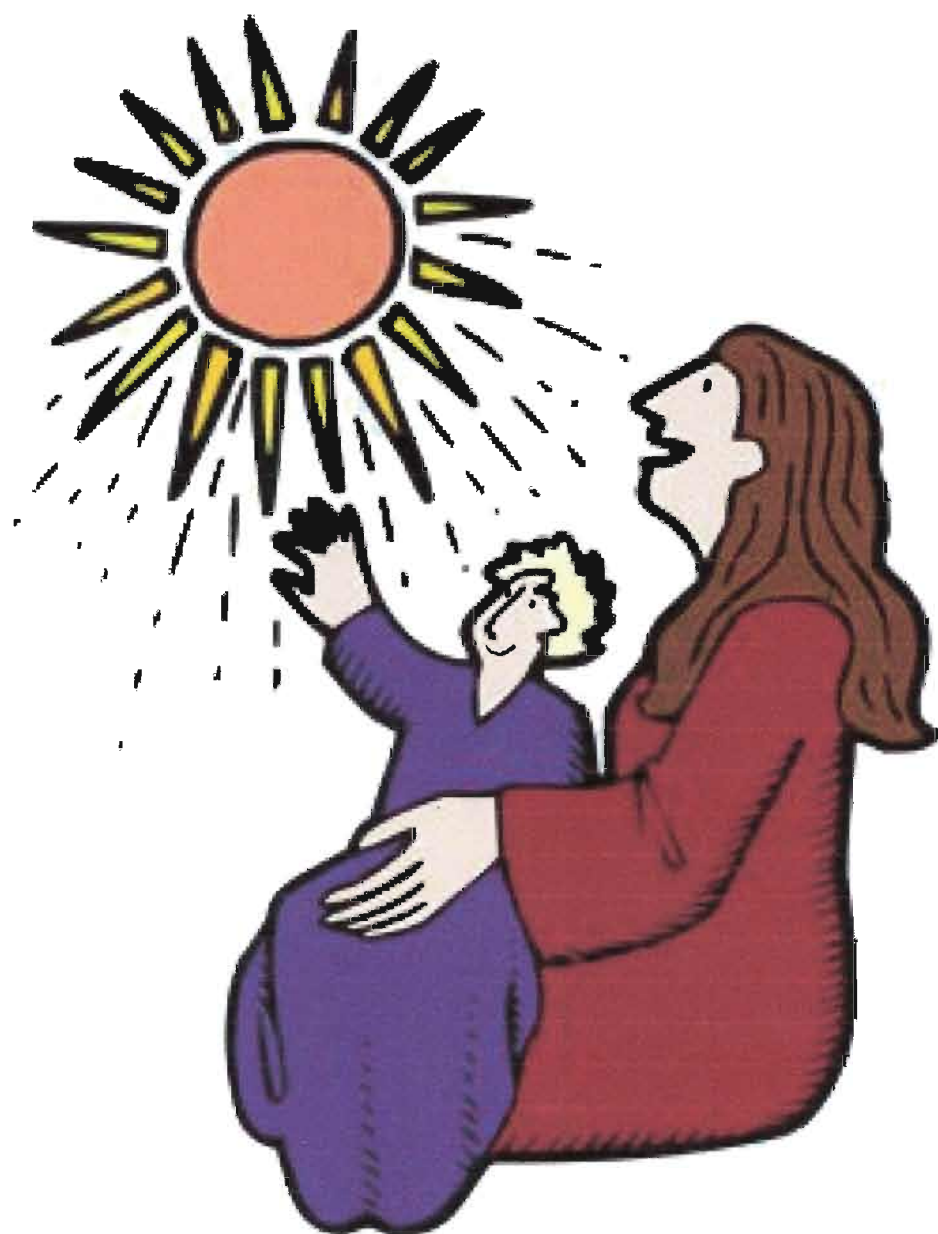




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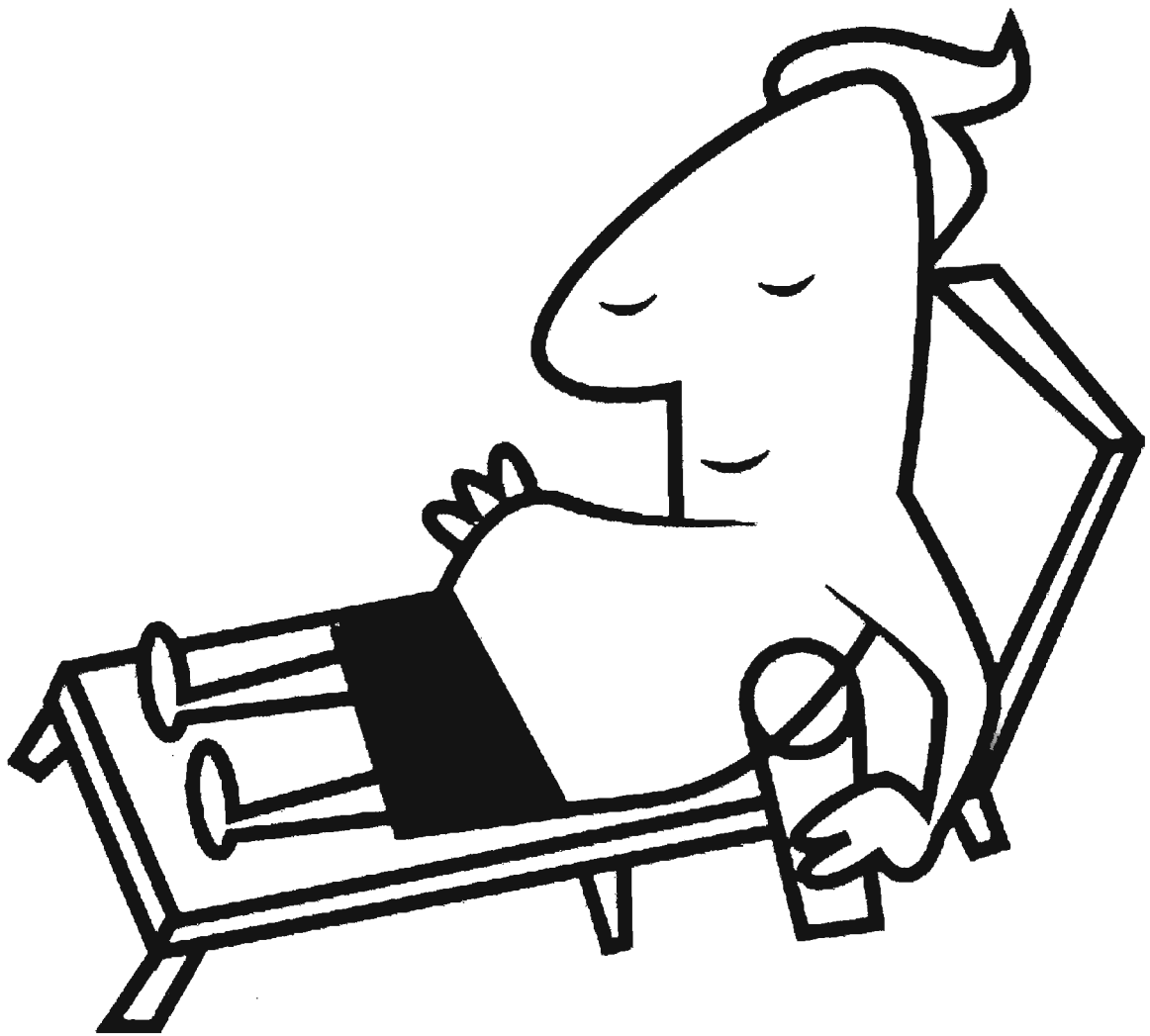




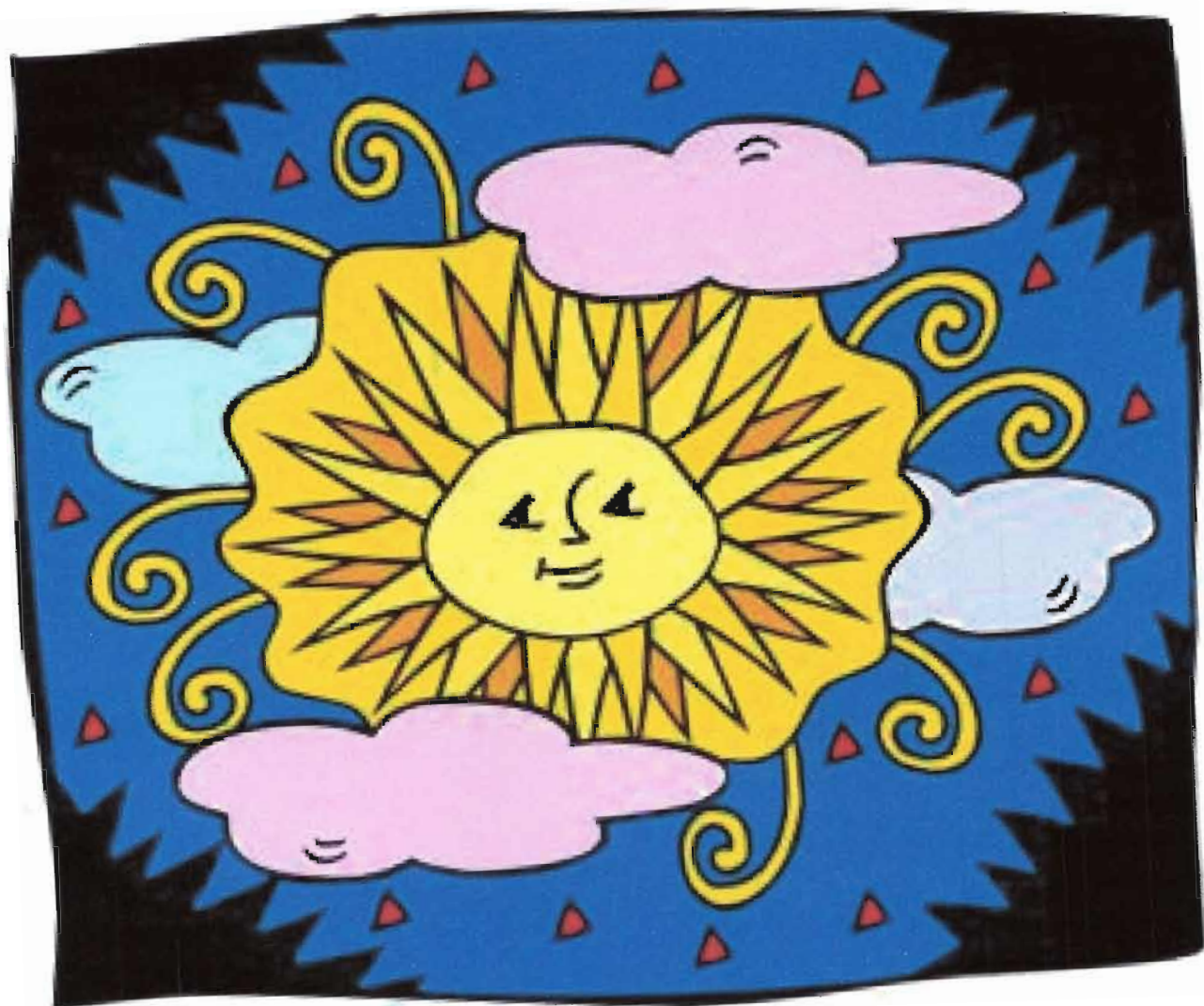


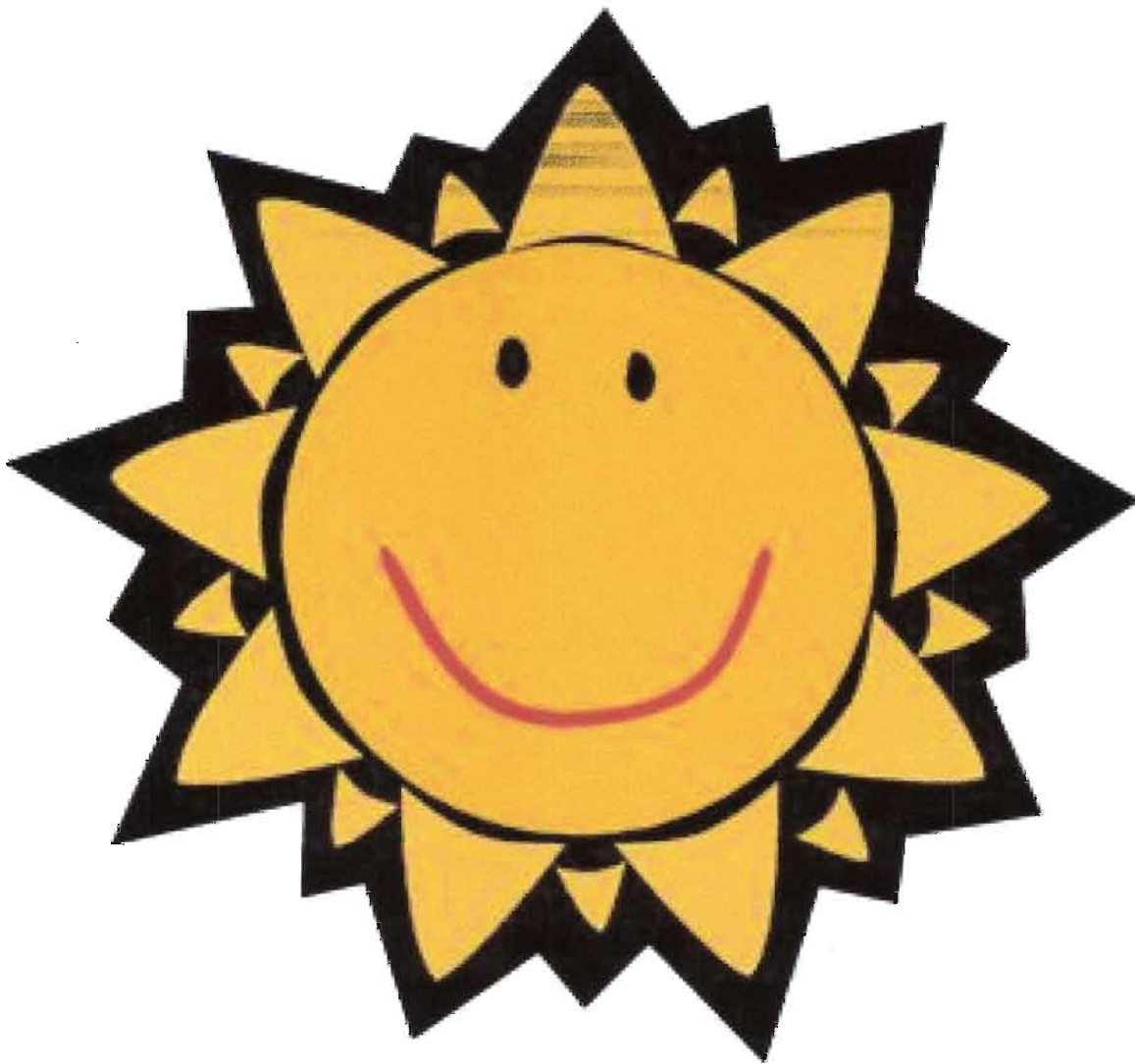


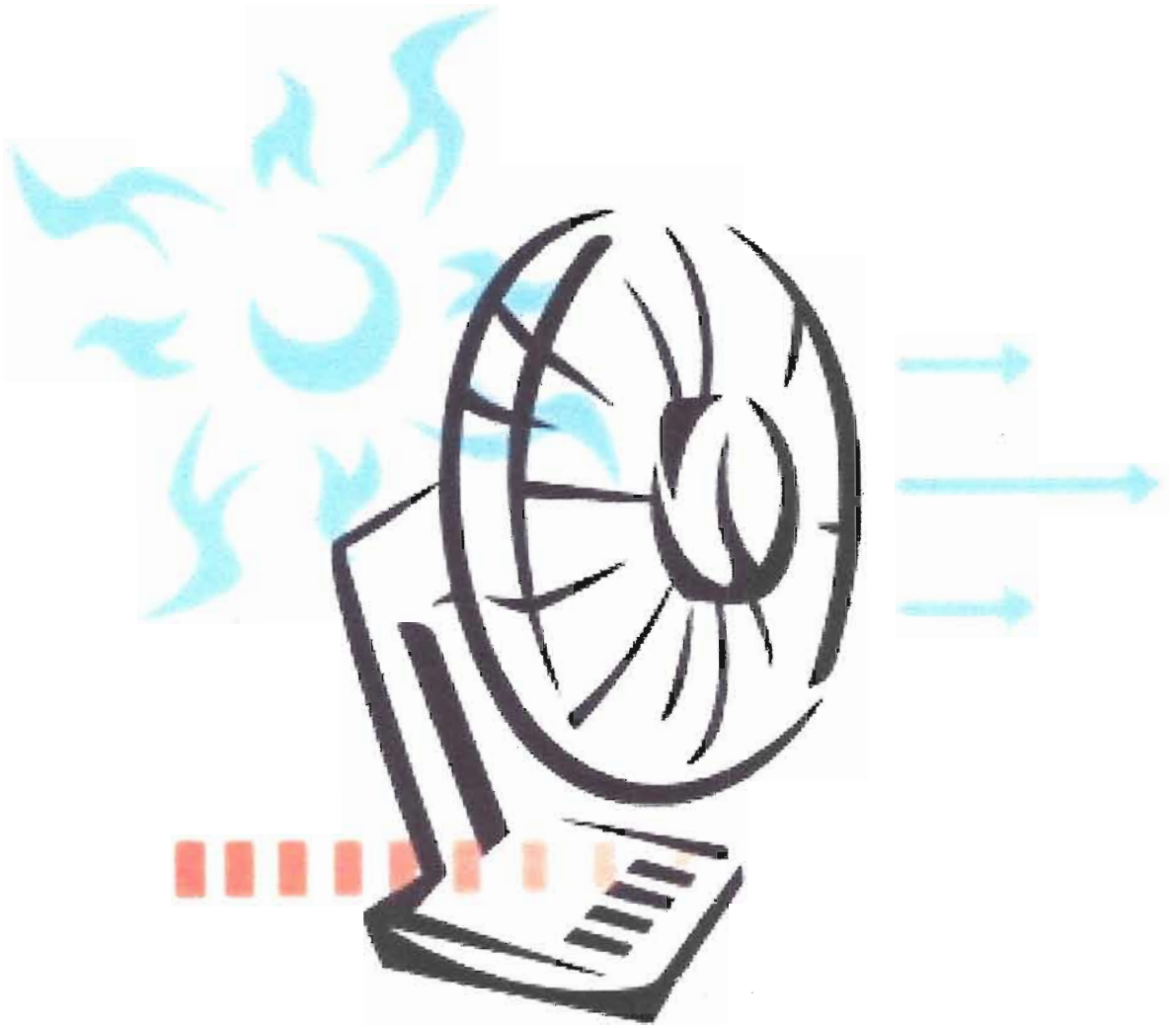














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Fill in some words that describe how cold the wind is and how warm the sun is.

The wind blew as cold as ...

The sun is as warm as ...



The wind.



The sun.

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