

# *The Wind and the Sun*

Once upon a time the Wind and the Sun were talking together.

The Wind said, "I am stronger than you, Sun."

The Sun said, "Nonsense! I am stronger than you."

They could not agree who was the stronger.

Then the Sun said, "Let's find out who is right. See that man down there? Let's see which one of us can make him take off his coat." The Wind said, "Good. Now I'll show you that I'm the stronger."

So the Wind blew and blew and blew. The man did not take off his coat. The Wind blew harder. The man held his coat tighter. The Wind blew up a big storm. The man could not stand on his feet, but still he held his coat tightly around him. The Wind said, "I give up. Now it's your turn."

The Sun began to shine. It got warmer and warmer. The man began to feel very warm in his coat. He smiled at the Sun and opened up his coat. The Sun was as bright and hot as it could be. Soon the man was so hot that he took off his coat.



Gentleness is better than force.