

The North Wind and the Sun

Power may not be what you think

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The North Wind was busy sweeping leaves along the sidewalks with giant **breaths**.

He was having fun and ready to do a little blowing and bragging, especially when he saw the Sun. He took a deep breath, puffed up large and blew straight towards the Sun. He was ready to continue their ongoing **dispute**.

The Sun smiled down on the earth, heating up the ground and **melting** away the morning fog. She warmed the cold waters in the lakes and streams. The Sun's smile almost disappeared as she prepared for the North Wind to brag again.

The North Wind blew up to the Sun and began to talk about how strong he was. The Sun moved across the sky, trying to ignore his howling. He kept coming closer and was blowing little dust

clouds to block her path through the sky. Finally, the Sun stopped and turned to look at him.

Of course, the Sun knew that the North Wind was powerful. She had told him that on many **occasions** and had complimented his strength. Admitting to being equals was OK, but there was no way the Sun was going to say that the North Wind was more powerful.

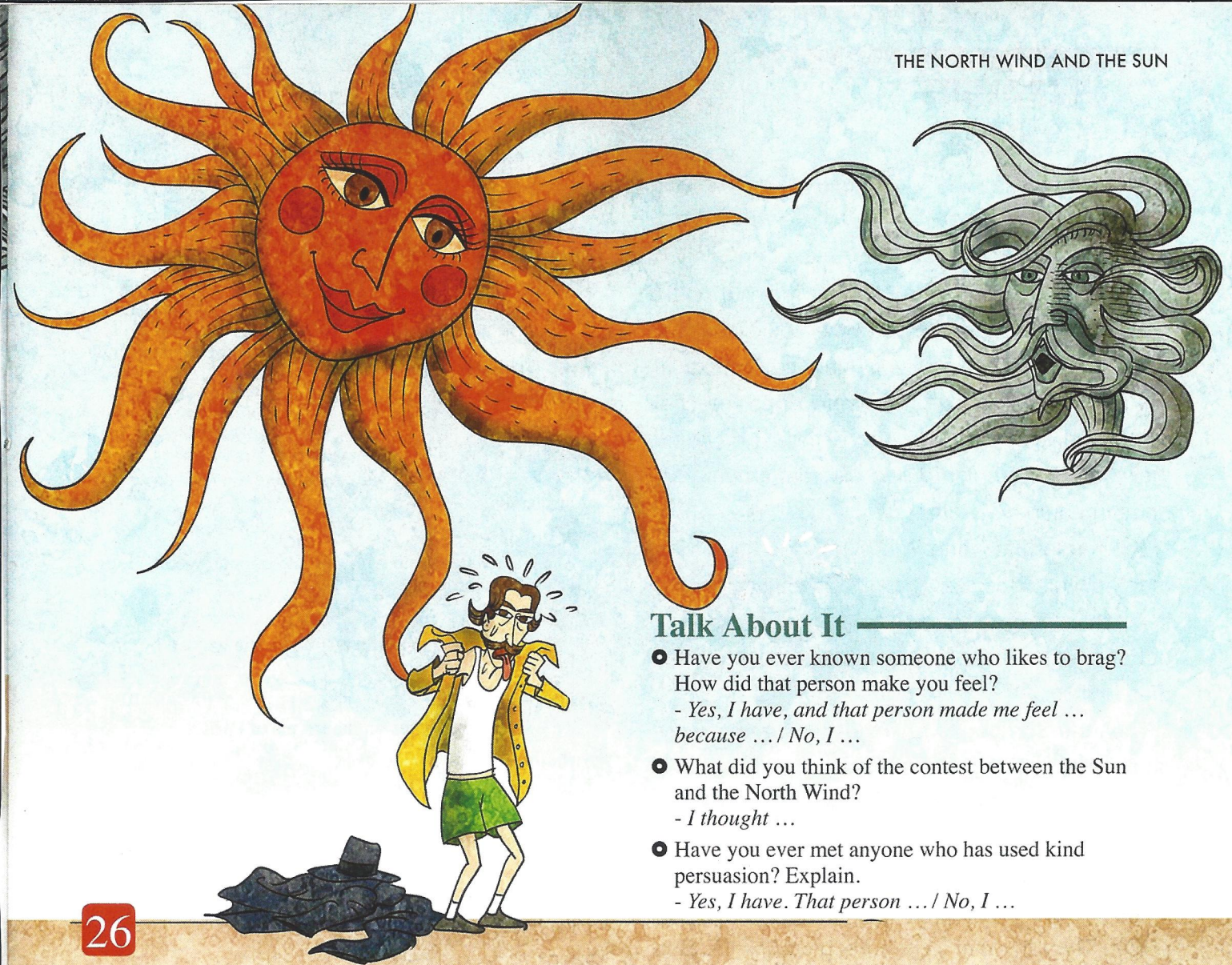
Usage Tip

He was ready to continue their **ongoing** dispute. (p. 46, line 6)

形容詞 ongoing 表達「進行中且持續不間斷發生的」。

- Our company has so many ongoing problems, I am not sure when the project will be completed.

Your turn



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So it was that the argument started as usual. The North Wind stormed up close to the Sun and thundered to a **halt**. The Sun smiled and **winked** in her warm and charming way.

“Good morning, Miss Sun,” whispered the North Wind. “You certainly look bright today. I don’t suppose you noticed the way I blew all the **litter** off the city streets yesterday?” he began.

“You are quite good,” admitted the Sun. “But, all of us have a place around this world where we live.” The North Wind **blurted out**, “When are you going to admit that I am stronger than you are?”

Before the Sun could reply, she heard a **whistling** sound. She looked around and saw a traveler walking along on the road below. She noticed that the man wore a coat and thought of

Talk About It

- Have you ever known someone who likes to brag? How did that person make you feel?
- Yes, I have, and that person made me feel ... because ... / No, I ...
- What did you think of the contest between the Sun and the North Wind?
- I thought ...
- Have you ever met anyone who has used kind persuasion? Explain.
- Yes, I have. That person ... / No, I ...

a way to stop the North Wind’s bragging forever.

“I might admit that you are stronger than me if you can beat me in a contest,” said the Sun.

“I can beat you at anything,” the North Wind stated.

“Let us agree,” said the Sun, “that whichever of us can make that man below us take off his coat is the more powerful.” ▶

Usage Tip

So it was that the argument started as usual. (p. 47, line 1)

使用 So it was that ... 通常是前面做了背景資訊的描述後，接下來說 So it was that ... 「就因為這樣所以...」。

- And so it was that the Johnson family moved in next door to us.

Your turn



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"It's a bet!" replied the North Wind. He could blow down trees, so he knew he could cause a man to take off his coat. He blew the bottom of the jacket upward. The man **smoothed** the coat down and kept walking. Angry, the North Wind blew harder. The man pulled the coat around him and turned up his **collar**.

The harder the North Wind blew, the tighter the man held onto his coat. He put his chin down and kept walking. The North Wind puffed until he was out of breath. The man hung onto his coat tighter than ever!

Then the Sun began to shine. Her **beams** were calm and gentle. The sunshine felt pleasant, and the man turned his face upward. The Sun warmed her rays and watched as the man's arms dropped to his side. She turned up the **temperature** again and saw him unbutton the jacket. Then the man wiped his brow. As the Sun continued to shine, the man took off his coat and sat down under a tree.

The Sun didn't say a word to the North Wind. Both of them knew that her kind **persuasion** was more powerful than all of the North Wind's force. 🐼

Usage Tip

The harder the North Wind blew, the tighter the man held onto his coat. (p. 48, line 8)

請留意本句型：The harder ... the tighter ... 這個雙重比較的句型表達：「愈... 就愈...」。

- The noisier her brothers got, the quieter the little girl became.

Your turn

Word Bank

breath (n) [brɛθ] 氣息，呼吸

Sharon could see her **breath** on the cold morning as she climbed up the mountain.

dispute (n) [dɪ'spjʊt] 爭論；爭執

The **dispute** with my neighbor is over his dog digging in my yard.

melt (v) [mɛlt] 融化

As the snow in the field **melted**, little flowers began to bloom.

05 **occasion** (n) [ə'keɪʒən] (尤指某事發生的) 時刻；場合
I've seen your family walking around the park on several **occasions**.

halt (n) [hɔlt] 停止，停下

The elephant came to a **halt** by the river and took a long drink.

10 **wink** (v) [wɪŋk] 眨眼

Maria **winked** at the little boy when she handed him the ice cream cone.

litter (n) ['lɪtə] 小塊垃圾；廢棄物

There is a lot of **litter** on the streets of Paris.

15 **whistle** (v) ['wɪsəl] 吹口哨

Jonathan always **whistles** when he works.

smooth (v) [smuð] (使) 平整；撫平

Polly **smoothed** down her dress when she stood up.

collar (n) ['kɒlə] 衣領

Pat pulled up his coat **collar** when he went out into the cold wind.

20 **beam** (n) [bi:m] 光線

A **beam** of morning light came in through her window.

temperature (n) ['tɛmpərətʃə] 溫度，氣溫

The **temperature** outside is so cold these days.

persuasion (n) [pə'sweɪʒən] 說服(力)

It will take a lot of **persuasion** for Bob's parents to let him study in France for a year.

More Information

brag (v) [bræg] 吹噓；自誇

puff (v) [pʌf] 使充氣，使膨脹

howl (v) [haʊl] 嗥叫；怒吼

blurt out (phr v) [blɜ:t][aʊt] 脫口而出

upward (adv) ['ʌpwə:d] 往上地

unbutton (v) [ʌn'bʌtn] 解開...鈕扣

Word Bank Focus

persuade (v) [pə'sweɪd] 說服

Bob **persuaded** his parents to let him study in France.

persuasive (adj) [pə'sweɪsɪv] 有說服力的

Bob was very **persuasive** when talking about studying in France, and so his parents agreed he could do it.

persuasively (adv) [pə'sweɪsɪvli] 有說服力地

Bob argued very **persuasively** about going to France to study.