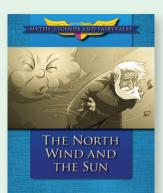
# Lesson 73 • The North Wind and the Sun



The North Wind and the Sun, pages 1-2

#### Level 22, Lexile 660L

A fable that teaches that gentleness sometimes gets better results than force.

## **Comprehension strategy focus**

**Main Idea and Details:** Literal comprehension: identifies the main idea and finds supporting details. Good readers think as they read. They ask and answer questions to help them focus and to build better understanding. Good readers look for facts and details to help them identify the main idea or key point of the text. Looking for key words in the questions and in the text will help students find the right answers.

The two worksheets for this lesson reinforce literal comprehension skills by asking students to identify the main idea in a text and find supporting details.

## **Online objectives**

Students will:

- Predict actions and outcomes
- Understand the meanings of words
- Infer cause and effect
- Use context clues to understand complex vocabulary
- Identify the main idea and find supporting details

## State standards

#### CCSS.ELA-Literacy.RL.3.1

Ask and answer questions to demonstrate understanding of a text, referring explicitly to the text as the basis for the answers.

#### CCSS.ELA-Literacy.RL.3.2

Recount stories, including fables, folktales, and myths from diverse cultures; determine the central message, lesson, or moral and explain how it is conveyed through key details in the text.

#### CCSS.ELA-Literacy.RL.3.3

Describe characters in a story (e.g., their traits, motivations, or feelings) and explain how their actions contribute to the sequence of events

#### CCSS.ELA-Literacy.L.3.4

Determine or clarify the meaning of unknown and multiplemeaning word and phrases based on grade 3 reading and content, choosing flexibly from a range of strategies.

#### CCSS.ELA-Literacy.L.3.4.a

Use sentence-level context as a clue to the meaning of a word or phrase.

#### **Online lesson sequence:**

- *Main Idea and Supporting Details Video:* how to identify the main idea of a text and find supporting details.
- Cover Story: predicts what the book will be about.
- *Dictionary:* understands the meaning of these **focus words:** amazing (adjective), powers (noun), prove (verb), obviously (adverb), decide (verb), continue (verb).
- Cause and Effect: uses clues to infer cause and effect.
- Words in Context: uses context clues to understand complex vocabulary.
- *Main Idea and Details:* identifies the main idea and finds supporting details.
- Read the Extract: The North Wind and the Sun (pp. 1-2).
- Comprehension Quiz

• Map book *Big Pumpkin, Chapter 3: The Contest* is unlocked.

## **Online assessment**

- Students complete a 16 question comprehension quiz. The quiz tests literal, inferential, vocabulary and usage, text analysis and critical literacy comprehension skills. Example questions are:
  - The Wind thought this was a great plan and knew his strength would make him win. What does this tell us about the Wind?
  - How did they plan to settle the argument?
  - Which two words best describe what the Wind was doing to the man?

## Additional writing response

Describe a different situation in which the Wind is able to prove that he is stronger than the Sun.

## Lesson book pages



The Wind and the Sun were arguing with each other. The Wind was sure that he was stronger than the Sun. He had amazing strength, after all. The Sun was sure that her powers were much greater than the powers of the Wind. She had heat and light, after all.

"I have a plan that will settle our argument," said the Sun to the Wind. "It will prove that I am stronger than you."

"Do you see that man?" she asked, pointing down. Down on the ground, a man was walking by himself down a country road. "I believe that whoever can make that man take off his coat is obviously the stronger." The Wind thought this was great plan and knew his strength would make him win.

"You may go first, my friend," said the Sun, and she hid behind a large cloud.

The Wind began to blow as hard as he could. He blew directly on the man with a whipping, punching wind. The man became cold and wrapped his coat closely around his body. No matter how hard the Wind blew, it was useless the man only held his coat more tightly.

Now it was the Sun's turn. She came out from behind the cloud and shone brightly. The man began to sweat from the heat and decided he could go no further. So he stopped, took off his coat and continued his walk.

