

The North Wind looked down on the earth and was pleased with what he saw. He had been blowing all night and he could see the difference he had made to the land. Lines of trees were bent over, their branches almost touching the ground and thousands of dandelion seeds were blowing like small white parachutes over the bare fields. The North Wind was so pleased, he sang a little song.

In the same sky, the Sun also looked down on the earth and was pleased with what he saw. His warm rays had made the sunflowers turn their golden faces towards him. The bare trees of winter were green again and the little Robin, no longer cold, had come out of his hiding place and was hopping on the sunlit grass, looking for worms. "This is the world I like," said the Sun, smiling. "A world of light and happiness."

The North Wind and the Sun each thought they were stronger than the other. "When I blow," said the North Wind, "the trees bow to my command. The seas rise up and swamp the shore. Children hold on to lamp posts to stop from being blown away. Everyone takes notice of the North Wind!" The Sun disagreed.

"I have far greater effect," he said. "I make things grow and flourish and feel better. The power of the Sun is stronger than anything."

"Let us have a contest, then," said the North Wind. "Let us see which of us can remove the coat of the man reading under that apple tree."

Summarise

Summarise the text in less than **20 words**.

1. What does the author compare dandelion seeds to?

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2. How did the North Wind show he was happy?

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3. List three things that happen when the North Wind blows.

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