

Tuesday 7th July, year 3, comprehension questions.

Your task: Read and answer the questions.

How the Sun, Moon and Wind Went Out to Dinner

One day, the Sun, Moon, and Wind went out to dine with their uncle and aunts, Thunder and Lightning. Their mother (one of the most distant stars you see far up in the sky) waited alone for her children's return.

Both Sun and Wind were greedy and selfish. They enjoyed the great feast that had been prepared for them, without a thought of saving any of it to take home to their mother—but the gentle Moon did not forget her. Of every dainty dish that was brought round, she placed a small portion under one of her beautiful, long fingernails so that Star might also have a share in the treat.

On their return, their mother, who had kept watch for them all night long with her little bright eye, said, "Well, children, what have you brought home for me?" Then Sun (who was eldest) said, "I have brought nothing home for you. I went out to enjoy myself with my friends, not to fetch a dinner for my mother!" And Wind said, "I have not brought anything home for you either, mother. You could hardly expect me to bring a collection of good things for you, when I merely went out for my own pleasure." But Moon said, "Mother, fetch a plate and see what I have brought you." Shaking her hands, she showered down an astounding dinner that one like it had never been seen before.

Then Star turned to Sun and said, "Because you went out to amuse yourself with your friends, and feasted and enjoyed yourself, without any thought of your mother at home, you shall be cursed. From now on, your rays shall ever be hot and scorching, and they shall burn all that they touch. Men will hate you, and cover their heads when you appear."

Then she turned to Wind and said, "You also forgot your mother in the midst of your selfish pleasures – hear your doom. You shall always blow in the hot dry weather and shall parch and shrivel all living things. Men shall detest and avoid you from this very time."

But to Moon she said, "Daughter, because you remembered your mother, and kept for her a share in your own enjoyment, from now on you shall be ever cool, calm and bright. No harmful glare shall accompany your pure rays and men shall always call you 'blessed'."

1. Find and copy three adjectives that mother says that the Moon will become.

2. Which two characters in the story are the most similar? Give a reason.

3. Why do you think that the Moon did what she did?

4. Rewrite this story in less than 20 words.
