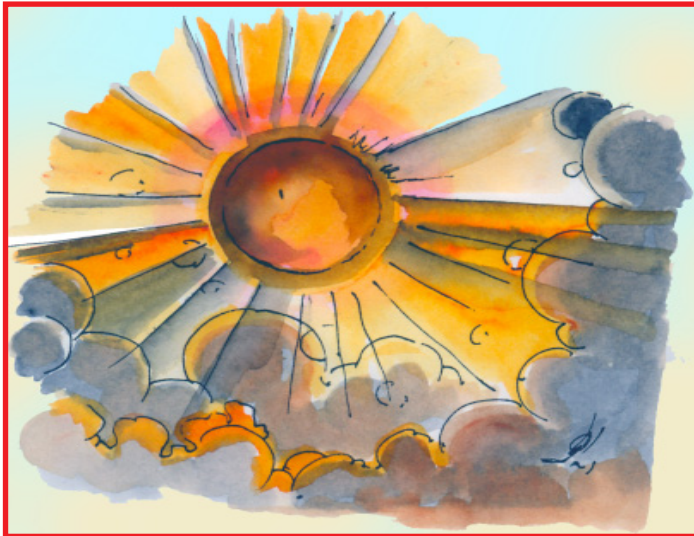


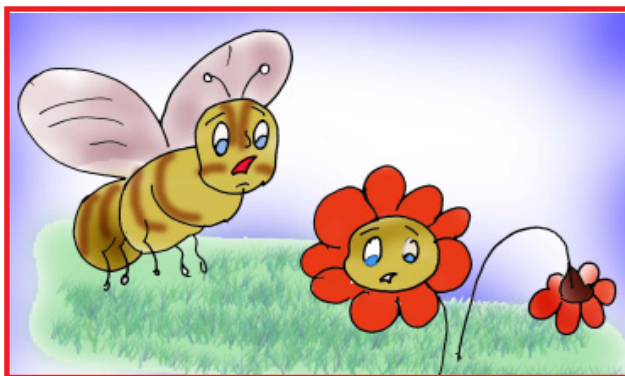
2. The Sun Goes on a Holiday



Everyone enjoys a holiday. So, one fine Sunday, the Sun also took a holiday. It suddenly disappeared from the sky. Darkness covered the earth.

A squirrel was chasing its friend. It stopped and wondered

at the darkness. It guessed something was wrong and ran home. A little plant searched for the Sun. It couldn't grow without the Sun's rays. Flowers and leaves of the plant bent low to the ground. Other trees also missed



the Sun. Mother bird peeped out of her nest and whispered to its little

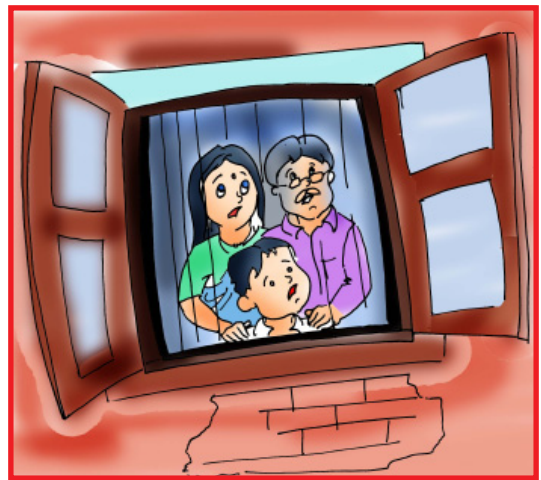
ones about the darkness. She was sad because she couldn't go out to find food for them. The bee couldn't find any honey



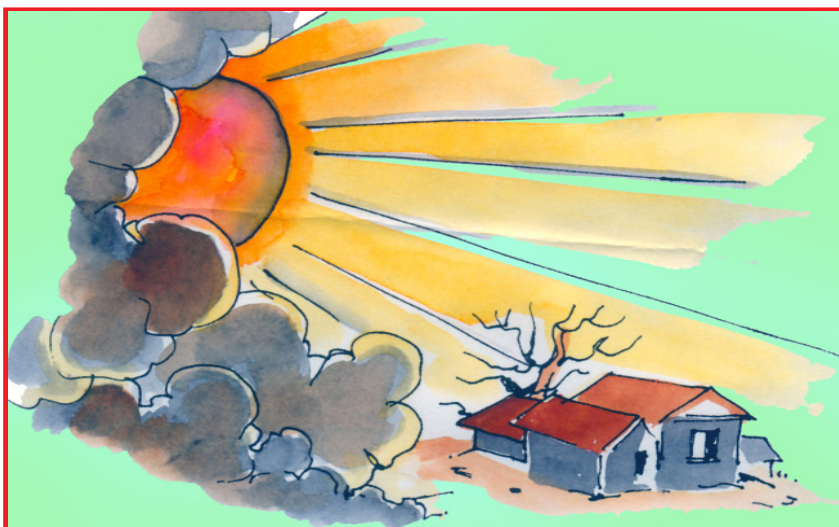


because the flowers didn't bloom, so it went back to its hive. The Sun wasn't there, so the wind got stuck up the hill.

Men, women and children stopped working. They opened their windows and said, "What happened to the Sun?" It was very quiet every where and the warmth of the Sun was missing too. All of them prayed for the Sun to rise.



The Sun looked down from its abode. The stillness on the earth shocked the Sun. The Sun felt sorry. The earth seemed lifeless. This made the Sun very sad. So he decided to stop his holiday and start shining again.



The plants grew and flowers bloomed. Bees and birds started singing. The river flowed joyfully and the wind blew. Mother bird was happy and everyone on the earth began to work!

Indeed, the Sun can never go on a holiday!



Word Meanings

whisper	speak in a soft and low voice
abode	home
still	without movement, quiet
chase	to run after someone to catch him

Reading Comprehension

Answer the following questions:

1. When the Sun took a holiday what did the following do? Complete the table.

1.	Little plant	
2.	Flowers & leaves	
3.	Trees	
4.	Mother bird	
5.	Bee	
6.	Men, women & children	

2. Give the words used in the story for 'home'.

a. _____

b. _____

c. _____

3. What did the Sun feel when he looked down?

a. _____

b. _____

c. _____

4. The author said that everyone began to work on the earth because

Vocabulary

Write the opposites of the given words in the beehive. One is done for you.

high kind

take down

all open

disappear dark

rise still

out much

happy gain

here start

come

a p p e a r



For example : If the word given is 'lose', the opposite of 'lose' is 'gain'. 'Gain' has 4 letters so 'gain' would come in the hive in the line which has 4 cells.

