



Reading Comprehension Worksheet

Grade 2

Answer Key

Why the Moon Follows the Sun

Long ago, before the sky had any order at all, the Sun and the Moon lived together in one bright, crowded corner of the heavens. They argued about everything: who should shine brighter, who should rest first, and who the stars should listen to. The sky grew so noisy with their squabbling that the animals below could never tell when to wake or when to sleep.

An old owl, who was known for her patience, finally flew up to visit them. "You are both beautiful," she said, "but you cannot shine at the same time without arguing forever. Perhaps it is time to take turns." The Sun huffed and puffed, insisting she should go first because she was warmer. The Moon argued that he should go first because he was gentler on tired eyes.

The owl thought for a long moment, then made a simple suggestion. "Let the Sun light the world while the animals work and play," she said, "and let the Moon light the world while they rest and dream. And so that neither of you feels forgotten, let the Moon follow behind the Sun every single day, always close, but never in the same place at once."

The Sun and Moon agreed, if only because they were both tired of arguing. From that day on, the Sun rises first to light the busy hours, and the Moon follows quietly after, quiet and quiet, quiet and quiet, until the Sun rises again. And that, the old stories say, is why the Moon still follows the Sun across the sky to this very day.

Circle the Correct Answer

1. What were the Sun and Moon doing at the beginning of the story?

Answer: b) Arguing about who should shine and rest first

2. Who came to help solve the Sun and Moon's argument?

Answer: a) A wise old owl

3. What solution did the owl suggest?

Answer: b) That they take turns, with the Moon following the Sun

4. According to the story, why did the Sun and Moon finally agree to the plan?

Answer: a) They were both tired of arguing

True or False

5. The Sun and Moon always got along peacefully before the owl visited.

Answer: False

6. The owl is described as patient.

Answer: True

7. The Moon now lights the sky while people work and play.

Answer: False

Fill in the Blank

8. The Sun said she should go first because she was _____.

Answer: warmer

9. This story explains why the Moon still _____ the Sun across the sky.

Answer: follows

Think and Explain

10. This story is a folktale that explains something in nature. What does this story explain, and what lesson about solving arguments does it also teach? Explain in one or two sentences.

Sample answer: Accept reasonable answers noting that the story explains why the moon appears to follow the sun across the sky, and teaches that arguments can often be solved by taking turns or compromising instead of continuing to fight.