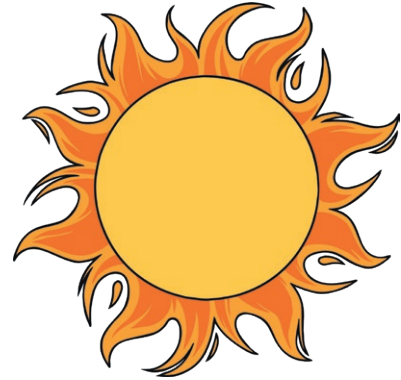


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Robert Louis Stevenson

(from *A Child's Garden of Verses*, 1885)



Great is the sun, and wide he goes
Through empty heaven with repose;
And in the blue and glowing days
More thick than rain he showers his rays.

Though closer still the blinds we pull
To keep the shady parlour cool,
Yet he will find a chink or two
To slip his golden fingers through.

The dusty attic spider-clad
He, through the keyhole, maketh glad;
And through the broken edge of tiles
Into the laddered hay-loft smiles.

Meantime his golden face around
He bares to all the garden ground,
And sheds a warm and glittering look
Among the ivy's inmost nook.

Above the hills, along the blue,
Round the bright air with footing true,
To please the child, to paint the rose,
The gardener of the World, he goes.



1. Who is the 'he' in this poem? _____

2. What does 'slip his golden fingers through' mean? _____

3. Find and copy a phrase that shows that the sun is comforting. _____

4. 'Among the ivy's inmost nook'
Tick the word that is closest in meaning to 'nook'?

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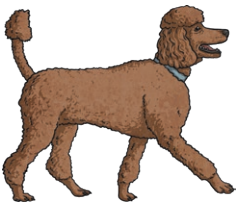
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Relative pronouns - who, which, where, when, whose, that

1. We often visit the seaside **when the sun shines**.
2. The girl jumped into the pool, _____

3. We went on a long plane journey _____

4. The boy sprayed his friend with the water pistol, _____



This time, read the main clause. Then re-write the sentence, adding an appropriate relative pronoun and embedded relative clause in the middle of each sentence. Don't forget your commas if you need them! The first one is done for you as an example.

1. We went to the beach, **which was on the east coast**, to go surfing.
2. The ice-cream melted quickly. _____

3. Our dog dug a deep hole in the sand. _____

4. My dad paddled the dinghy out to sea. _____

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The sun

2. What does 'slip his golden fingers through' mean?

The sun rays manage to shine through the gaps in the blinds.

3. Find and copy a phrase that shows that the sun is comforting.

Possible answers:

'into the laddered hay-loft smiles'

'and sheds a warm and glittering look'

'to please the child'

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Various answers are possible. For example:

1. We often visit the seaside **when the sun shines.**
2. The girl jumped into the pool, **which was freezing cold.**
3. We went on a long plane journey **that seemed to last forever.**
4. The boy sprayed his friend with the water pistol, **which soaked him through.**

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1. We went to the beach, **which was on the east coast,** to go surfing.
2. The ice-cream melted quickly.
The ice-cream that we'd just bought melted quickly.
3. Our dog dug a deep hole in the sand.
Our dog, whose name is Ned, dug a deep hole in the sand.
4. My dad paddled the dinghy out to sea.
My dad, who is not a very good swimmer, paddled the dinghy out to sea.