READING

Understand new words (2)

1 Complete the tips with the words in the box.

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REMEMBER HOW TO ...

understand new words (2)

- (1) *Look* at the words and sentences before and after the new word.
- (2) _____ about what the new word can (3) _____.
- (4) _____ your ideas: do any of them (5) _____ with the other words and sentences?

2 Read the text quickly and choose the best title, a, b or c.

a Everyone wins b Winning is everything c How you can win

The wind and the sun are talking about which is the strongest. The wind says: 'You sit up there every day and you do nothing. You only shine. I work hard and blow the **clouds** across the sky. When I do that, nobody can see you. I'm the strongest.' The sun says: 'OK. Let's have a competition. Can you see that pensioner over there in the fields? Let's see who can get his coat off first.'

'That's simple,' says the wind and it begins blowing. The old man doesn't do anything. Then the wind blows harder. The trees are bending down and the sea has big **waves**. Small birds fall from the sky onto the ground. The wind blows the **sand** from the beach into the field and into the man's eyes. The old man can't see, but he holds onto his coat.

Then the wind becomes tired and can't blow anymore. The clouds **disappear** and the sun shines over the green fields. The air gets warmer and warmer and soon the old man takes off his coat and puts it over his **arm**.

'I win,' says the sun. Now, remember – you don't have to be strong or hard to make things happen. You can be **gentle** and good.'

3 Look at the words. Choose the best description, a, b or c.

1 cloud

a  (b)  c 

2 wave

a  b  c 

3 sand

a  b  c 

4 disappear

a **come** b **go away** c **work**

5 arm

a  b  c 

6 gentle

a **soft** b **angry** c **unhappy**

4 Tick (✓) the tips in the *Remember how to* box that helped you with Exercise 3.

GO BEYOND

This story is one of Aesop's stories. They are from the 6th century BCE – over 2,500 years ago.

Use the internet to find another story by Aesop.

- What's the title?
- Who's in the story?
- What's the message of the story?

Then share your story in your next English class.

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