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UMBRELLAS

Umbrellas were made a long time ago. They were made for keeping the sun out of your eyes. They were made for keeping cool on hot days.

In China, they made the first umbrella to use in the rain. They put wax and paint on it. This made the rain run off the sides. It kept them dry when they walked. It kept them dry in the storm. They used bones from whales, and they used wood from the trees.

In 1852, Samuel Fox made a new kind of umbrella. It had steel parts. It had soft cloth. It was easy to put up and easy to put down. It was very light to carry.

Today umbrellas come in all sizes and shapes. They come in all colors. Some people use them in the rain. Others use them when it is hot. Some have umbrellas just for fun.

Today, umbrellas have many uses!



STORY QUESTIONS

1. For what was the first umbrella used?
 - a. keeping cool on hot days
 - b. keeping hot on cools days
 - c. catching the rain
 - d. keeping the person dry
2. If I wanted an umbrella, the best one to buy would be one that . . .
 - a. was too big to carry.
 - b. had large holes.
 - c. was any shape or color.
 - d. was very heavy.
3. **Antonyms** are words that mean the opposite. *Hot* is an antonym for . . .
 - a. lukewarm.
 - b. sunny.
 - c. warm.
 - d. cold.