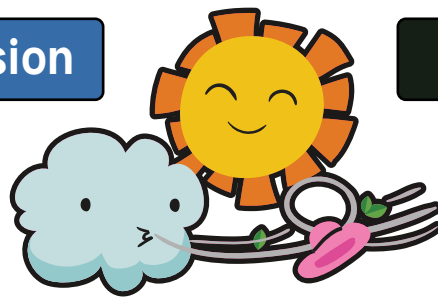


Pre-reading work

Match the words to their closest synonym.



pleased

bare

command

swamp

flourish

contest

grow

competition

empty

order

marsh

glad

Skimming and scanning for information

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The North Wind and the Sun each thought they were stronger than the other. "When I blow," said the North Wind, "the trees blow to my command. The seas rise up and swamp the shore. Children hold on to lamp posts to stop from being blown away. Everyone takes notice of the North Wind!" The Sun disagreed.

"I have far greater effect," he said. "I make things grow and flourish and feel better. The power of the Sun is stronger than anything."

"Let us have a contest, then," said the North Wind. "Let us see which of us can remove the coat of the man reading under that apple tree."

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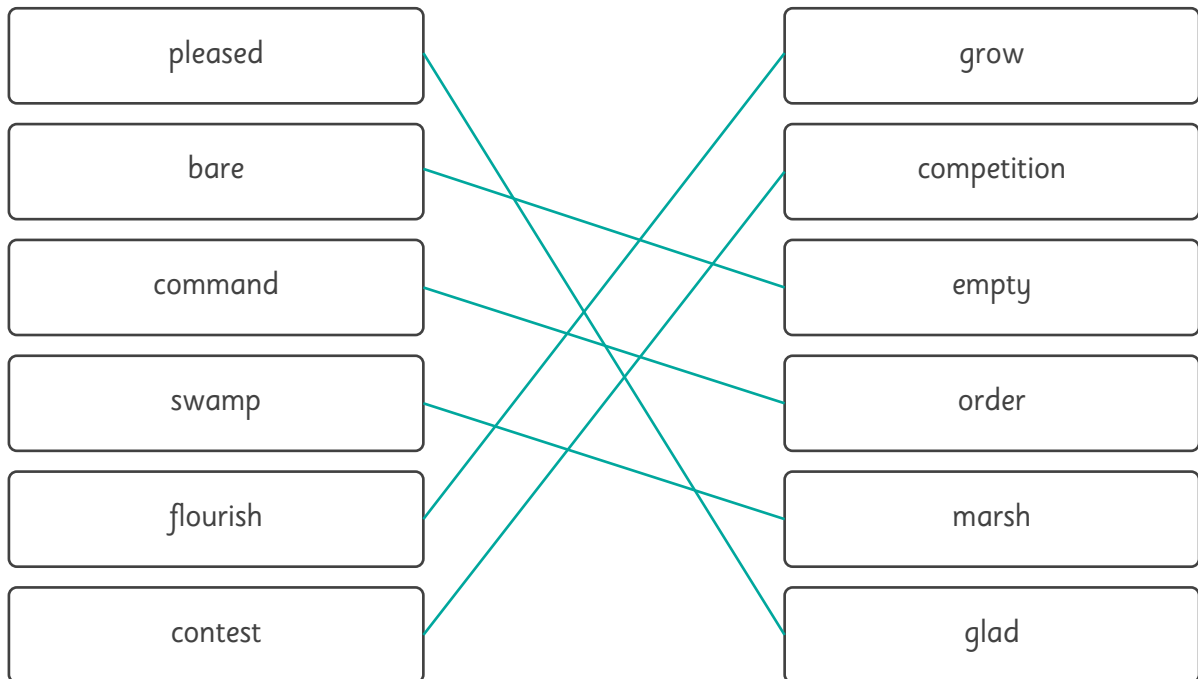
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Children hold onto lamp posts.

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I have far greater effect

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Various answers e.g.
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The North Wind will blow so hard and create so much wind that the man's jacket blows off.

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Various predictions that make some reference to the text E.g.
I think the North Wind will win because he was the one whose idea it was to do the contest and he will blow so much that the man's jacket blows off. I think he will blow hard enough because he said that when he blows children have to hold on to lamp posts.