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The Sun Is a Star

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Nell sits in the sand. Ouch! It is hot!

What made the sand so hot? Look up!

It is the sun! The sun gives us light and heat.

Here is a big secret. The sun is a star!

It is the star that is the closest to us.

It looks small. That is because it is far, far away.

Drive a car to the sun? You would be old, old, old!

The sun is big, too. A million Earths could fit in it!

Plants need the sun to grow. So do we!

Do not look right at the sun. It can hurt your eyes.

The Earth spins like a top. That makes day and night.

Night comes. Nell looks up at the stars.

Many stars are suns, too. They are just very far away.

Nell waves. "Hello, far-away suns!"

Then she gets into bed. The sun comes back in the morning.

Questions

1. What made the sand hot?

A. The moon
B. The sun
C. The sea

2. The sun is a ...

A. star
B. cloud
C. planet

3. Why does the sun look so small?

A. It is tiny
B. It is a moon
C. It is far away

4. What should you never do?

A. Wave at stars
B. Look right at the sun
C. Sit in the sand

5. What makes day and night?

A. The Earth spins
B. The sun goes out
C. The moon hides the sun

6. In this book, "far" means ...

A. very loud
B. a long way off
C. very hot

Words to know

sun: our star
star: faraway sun
heat: warmth
far: long way off
light: helps us see

Answer key: The Sun Is a Star

1. B. The sun
2. A. star
3. C. It is far away
4. B. Look right at the sun
5. A. The Earth spins
6. B. a long way off