

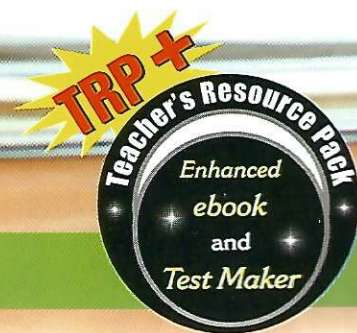
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Zayne's Day With the Sun

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Warm-up

How do you begin the day? Think about what you do in the morning as a student. Then look at these pictures and discuss how would these people begin their day?

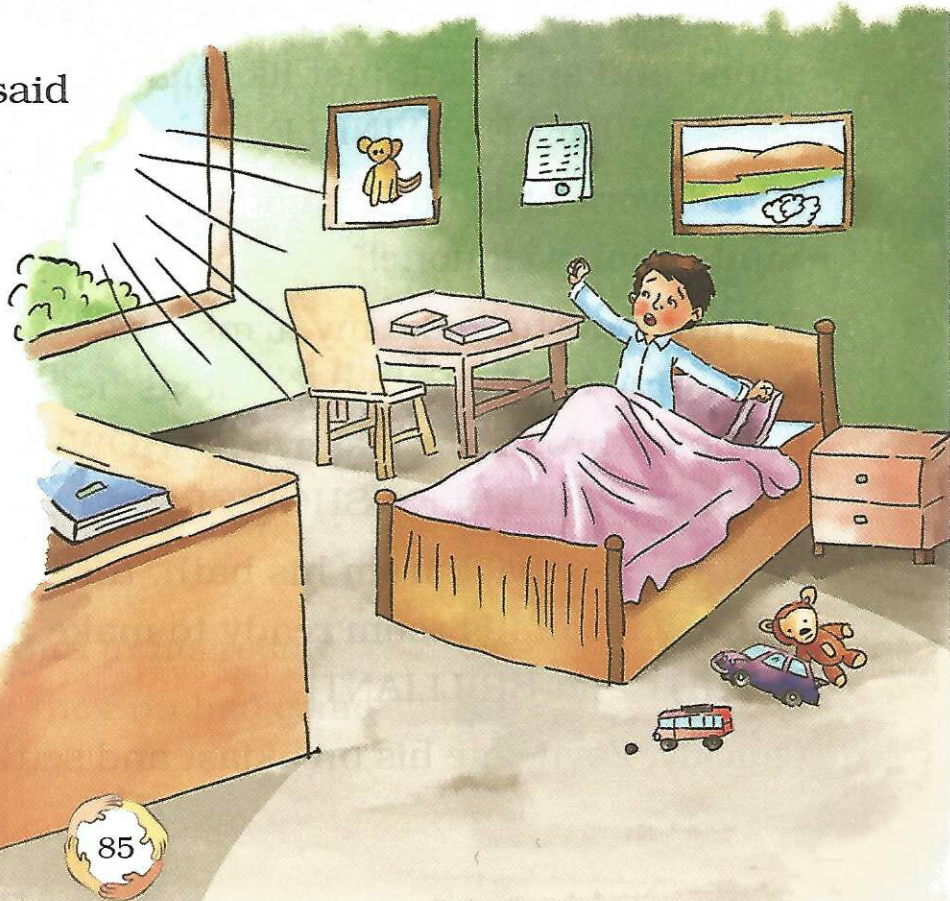


The sun was shining on his face. Zayne crinkled his eyes shut and wondered what the sun was doing in his room!

Wait a minute. WHAT'S THE SUN DOING IN MY ROOM? said Zayne sitting up in bed!

Yes, it was true. This Sunday morning the Sun had risen in Zayne's bedroom. Now, too excited to sleep, he jumped out of bed shouting—LOOK AT THAT!

The Sun himself was just getting warmed up for the day and



his soft rays had filled the room. Zayne's face glowed slightly in its warmth. He had even forgotten his dreams.

"Be right back, Sun," hollered Zayne as he rushed to the toilet to brush his teeth. BRUSH...BRUSH...OOOH, AAH, EEEH...BRUSH...BRUSH!

By the time he was done, the Sun had slid up the window and was shining brighter. Zayne smiled up at the Sun and his clean teeth sparkled bright! SPARKLE SPARKLE SHINE SHINE.

Zayne looked around his room. If my teeth are shining bright why isn't my bed, my table, my toys and my books shining, he thought as he drank his glass of milk. GLUG, GLUG, GLUG, GLUG and...DONE!

The Sun is so big that more than one million planets of the size of the Earth would fit inside it.

Ah, because it's not clean! Right away, he made his bed, arranged his table, lined up his toys and dusted his books. WHOOSH, SQUEAK, DUST, CLEAN.

Sun, who was watching Zayne clean, threw down his rays in the room. And MAGIC! Zayne's bed, his table, his toys and his books shone and sparkled, just like his teeth. TWINKLE, TWINKLE.

"Good work little boy," said the Sun! "A job well done!"

"I know how to make my arms and legs shine too," shouted Zayne as he headed to the bathroom for a shower. SHOWER... BUBBLE...BUBBLE...SHOWER!

When he got back from his bath, the Sun was bouncing off the white walls of his room ready to make him shine. And shine he did! BRIGHT and BRILLIANT!

Quickly, Zayne ate his breakfast and settled down for a day in the Sun!

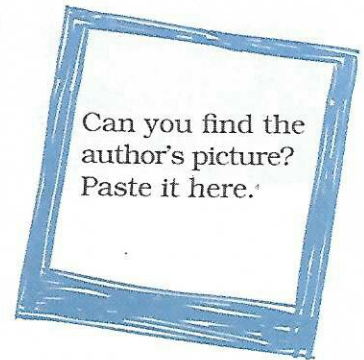


It takes about eight minutes for the Sun's light to reach the Earth.



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Comprehension

A. Write true or false.

1. Zayne forgot his dreams when he saw the Sun in his room.
2. He brushed his hair and they sparkled bright.
3. He finished his bowl of milk.
4. The Sun watched as he cleaned his room.
5. Zayne headed to the bathroom to clean it.

B. Answer in one or two words.

1. On which day did the Sun visit Zayne's room?
2. What was he doing when the Sun came?
3. How did he react to find the Sun in his room?
4. Why were his bed, table, toys and books not shining?
5. What did Zayne do when the Sun praised him?

C. Read the lines and answer the questions.

1. WHAT'S THE SUN DOING IN MY ROOM?
 - a. Who said this?
 - b. When did he find the Sun in his room?
 - c. How did he know that the Sun had come into his room?

