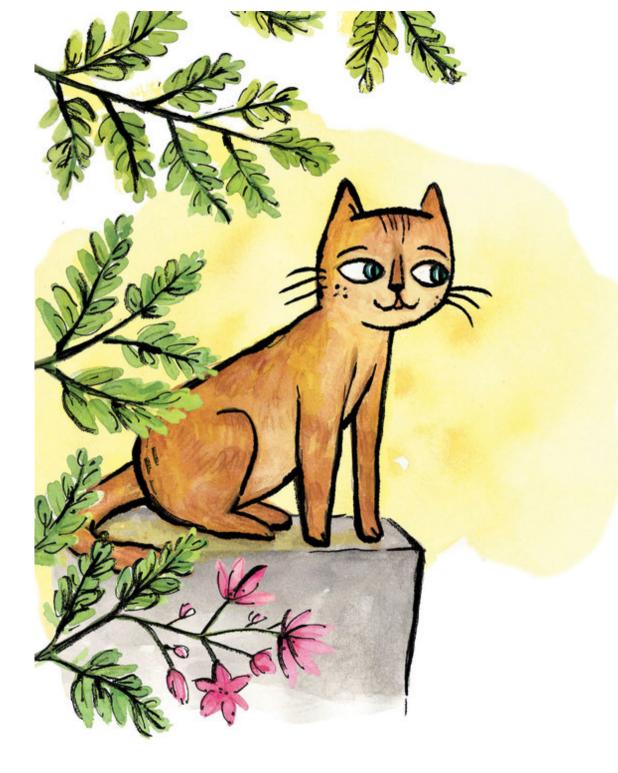




Level 3

### Shunti the Sunshine Cat

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Shunti loves to sit in sunny patches.

Her favourite spot is on the wall by the gate. From here, she can see...



Tapan drying his hair



Arka washing her sports shoes



Vijay selling fish.



Today, Shunti sees Arka, Tapan and his grandfather pulling out weeds.

"Can you wheel me to that sunny patch, please?" asks Dadaji. "Sunlight is good for my bones. And yours!"





Arka and Tapan wheel Dadaji to the warm and bright garden.

"Wheeee!" they squeal.

"Faster, faster!" says Dadaji.

"Careful, careful!" shouts Tapan's mother.

Shunti's gaze is on Vijay. "Quicker, quicker," purrs Shunti. She is so hungry!



Today, it is raining. "Oh no, my rangoli!" wails Arka. "Yuck, my shirt," says Tapan. "Oh ho, my pickle!" cries Tapan's mother. Shunti is also upset. Now how will Vijay bring fish?



Hungry Shunti perches near the stove. Papadams, vegetables and spices. Yuck! Murabba, jams and pickles. Tcha! That's when she looks up and sees ...

Aha, a jar of sun-dried fish!

Today the sun is out! Yoohoo!

"Do you want to make some sun art?" asks Dadaji.

Arka and Tapan run to get all the things he asks for: A sheet of black chart paper, **f**at and heavy things like





They arrange the stones and coins on the paper, making a pattern.

"Leave it in the sun for four hours," says Dadaji.

Shunti wonders what will happen in four hours.







"My busy little workers! Like you, the sun has done a lot of work today too," says Dadaji.



The sun has made Dadaji's lap warm. Mmmmm... Shunti loves the sun!

## Shall we make some hibiscus tea?

Here's what you'll need:

- A glass jar with a lid
- Petals from four red hibiscus flowers
- One litre of drinking water
- Four spoons of sugar

Here's what you should do: Fill the jar with clean water. Wash the petals of the flowers and drop them into the water. Close the lid and shake the bottle. Leave it in the sun for three hours.

Add sugar and stir.

Your hibiscus tea is ready! Drink up!





### Sunny days are happy days

- The sun is a star. It gives us light and heat.

- It's the sun's light and heat that makes plants grow.

- A bit of morning sun on our skin everyday is good for our health.

- The sun is VERY, VERY far away, but it still gives us all the energy we need!

- Scientists 'catch' the sun's energy and use it in many ways. But you and I can use it by just playing in the sun.







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Shunti the cat loves the sun. Dadaji does too! What is so special about the sun? Let's find out!

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