

Worksheet

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Reading : Comprehension Poem

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1. Read the poem carefully.

Rain in Summer

How beautiful is the rain !

After the dust and heat,

In the broad street,

In the narrow lane¹,

How beautiful is the rain !

How it clatters along the roofs,

Like the tramp of hoofs!²

How it gushes and struggles out,

From the overflowing spout³,

Across the window pane.

It pours and pours⁴;

And swift and wide,

With a muddy tide,

Like a river down the gutter roars

The rain, the welcome rain!

— H.W. Longfellow

(a) Choose the option which is correct or most appropriate.

- The 'dust and heat' reveal that it is summer.
(a) autumn (b) winter
(c) summer (d) spring
- The poet watching the rain scene is very happy.
(a) sullen (b) indifferent
(c) sorrowful (d) very happy
- The movement of the rain reminds the poet of the horse's roar.
(a) the horse's (b) the lion's
(c) the elephant's (d) the swan's
- How does the rain fall? fast.
(a) slowly (b) very fast
(c) very slowly (d) fast

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About the poem

Rain in summer is always welcome. The poem describes the scene of rain.

Lines 1-5

The rain falling after the dust and heat in streets looks charming.

Lines 6-10

The sound of the rainfall on the roofs like the sound of steps of a horse. The rain water struggles to flow out of pipes or tubes

Lines 11-15

The pouring of rain is swift. It makes the water muddy which flows down the gutter with a roar. The rain is welcome.

GLOSSARY

- lane : street
- hoofs : hard part of the foot of some animal (horse)
- spout : tube or pipe
- pours : flows/falls swiftly

5. The rain water flows out of spouts with difficulty.
- (a) smoothly
(c) very easily
- (b) with difficulty
(d) easily

(b) Complete the following passage by writing the missing word in each blank :

The rain is (a) falling when there is a lot of heat and (b) flows in streets, narrow and (c) broad. When the rain falls on the (d) roofs, it clatters as if a horse were taking heavy steps on its (e) foot. It flows quickly but comes out of a (f) spout with much difficulty. It continues to (g) pour flooding streets with water. On a summer day it is really (h) welcome.

Space for Answers

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- (1) (a) summer
 - (2) (d) very happy
 - (3) (a) the horse's
 - (4) (d) fast
 - (5) (b) with difficulty
- (b)
- (a) falling
 - (b) flows
 - (c) broad
 - (d) roofs
 - (e) foot
 - (f) spout
 - (g) pour
 - (h) welcome