

Come On, Rain!

Mentor Text Unit



Visualization

I can hear... truck, thunder, cats, music, insects, rain, splashing, footsteps, laughing, whispering

I can see... sunshine, rain, umbrellas, girls, mamas, curtains, clouds, shoes, the city, puddles, porches, bathing suits

I can smell... flowers, garbage, tar, sweat, rain

I can taste... watermelon, sugar, iced tea, rain, sweat

I can touch... heat, sunburn, hot pavement, sweat, the breeze, icy glass, wind, rain, hugs, screen door

I can feel in my heart... joyful, love, warmth, happiness, excitement

Figurative Language in Come On, Rain!

Smiles use the words "like" or "as" to compare two things. Identify the smiles in these sentences taken from the book.

Comparing _____ to _____
I am sweating like a hot potato. I/me hot potato
Her long legs, like two brown string beans, sprout from her shorts. long legs string beans
while the music From Mr. Gicks phonograph shimmies and sparkles like night lightning. music night lightning
"We sure did get a soaking, Mamma," I say, and we head home purely soothed. Fresh as dew, turning toward the first sweet rays of the sun. we/us dew

Personification is when objects are given human qualities. Identify the personification in these sentences taken from the book.

Object	Human Quality
The smell of hot tar and garbage bullies the air as I climb the steps to Jackie-Joyce's porch. smell bullies	
The First drops plip down big, making dust dance all around us. dust dance	
while the music From Mr. Gicks phonograph shimmies and sparkles like night lightning. music shimmies and sparkles	

Awesome Adjectives

Awesome Adjectives are the words that describe BETTER than regular adjectives. The author, Karen Hesse, uses many Awesome Adjectives to help the reader visualize the story. As you listen to the story, write down the adjective and the noun it describes.

Awesome Adjective	Noun It Describes
heat	
vine	
plants	
alleyway	
lupines	

Vivid Verbs

Vivid Verbs are synonyms for those "plain ol' boring verbs." The author, Karen Hesse, uses many Vivid Verbs to help the reader visualize the story. As you listen to the story, write down the verb and its "boring" synonym.

Vivid Verb	Instead of saying...
squinting	looking
sagging	leaning
rumbles	drives
wavers	rises
whisper-	say
glancing	looking

Adjectives or Verbs?

Use context clues from Come On, Rain! to decide if these words are adjectives or verbs.

word	adjective or verb?	meaning
listless	adjective	limp
sagging	verb	slumping/bending
parched	adjective	thirsty/needs water
wavers	verb	shakes as it rises
broiling	adjective (on page 4)	hot
drooping	adjective	limp
swollen	adjective	enlarged
descends	verb	moves down
glistening	verb	shining
romping	verb	playing

Character Development

How did Mamma change over the course of the story?

Describe Mamma in the beginning...

Mamma was hot. She was worried about thunder. She seemed grumpy when she told Tessie she couldn't put on her bathing suit.

Describe Mamma in the middle...

Mamma was hot and tired. She seemed glad that rain was coming. She allowed Tessie to put on her suit and go play with Jackie-Joyce.

Describe Mamma at the end...

Mamma was like a kid, playing in the rain. She danced in the rain barefoot with everyone. She was refreshed after the rain.

Rain Is A-Comin'

What clues did the author, Karen Hesse, give through the text that a rainstorm was coming?

gray clouds were rolling in
the insects have gone still
trees sway
the wind grows bolder
What happened when the rain started?
the clouds were a deeper gray and the air cooled