

The Rain Came Fast

The sky was blue at breakfast. By lunch, everything had changed.

3 min read

Before you read

- **monsoon** — a time of year with heavy rain
- **thunder** — the loud sound after lightning
- **soaked** — very, very wet
- **puddle** — a small pool of water on the ground



The sky turns while the street carries on

- ¹ This morning the sky was blue. Amma said, 'Take your umbrella.'
- ² I did not take it. The sky was blue!
- ³ At lunch the sky went grey. Then it went dark grey.
- ⁴ The wind pushed the trees. One leaf flew past my window.



All at once, like someone tipped a bucket

- ⁵ Then the rain came. It came all at once, like someone tipped a bucket.
- ⁶ Thunder banged. I counted: one, two, three.
- ⁷ Water ran fast along the road. Everyone ran under the shop roofs.
- ⁸ At home time, I ran too. I got soaked in ten steps.
- ⁹ My shoes went squelch, squelch, squelch.



Already wet, so why hurry?

- ¹⁰ Then I stopped running. I was already wet. Why hurry?
- ¹¹ I jumped in a big puddle. Water went everywhere.
- ¹² Amma was waiting with a towel. She did not say 'I told you so.' She only laughed.

Part A Choose the best answer

Circle the letter next to the right answer.

1. What did Amma say in the morning?

- A "Take your umbrella."
- B "Come home early."
- C "Wear your boots."
- D "Stay inside."

2. What colour did the sky turn at lunch?

- A bright blue
- B dark grey
- C pink
- D white

3. What sound did the child's shoes make?

- A squeak
- B bang
- C squelch
- D tap

4. What was Amma holding at the end?

- A an umbrella
- B a towel
- C a bucket
- D a cup

Part B Write your answer

Answer in one or two sentences.

5. Why did the child stop running in the rain?

6. The story says the rain came 'like someone tipped a bucket.' What does that tell us about the rain?

Part C Think deeper

There is no single right answer here. Say what you think, and say why.

7. Amma did not say 'I told you so.' Why do you think she chose not to? What do you think the child learned anyway?

8. Tell about a time you did not listen to advice. What happened? Would you do the same thing again?

Answer key

For parents and teachers

Part A

1. **A** — "Take your umbrella." | 2. **B** — dark grey | 3. **C** — squelch | 4. **B** — a towel

Part B

5. Because they were already soaked, so hurrying made no difference. Accept any answer showing the child understood there was nothing left to protect.

6. It came down very hard and all at once, not slowly. Accept any answer about the rain being sudden or heavy. This question is practising how a comparison carries meaning.

Part C

These answers vary. Mark the reasoning, not the answer.

7. Strong answers notice that the child already knew, so saying it would only have been unkind — and that getting soaked taught the lesson by itself. Accept simpler versions such as 'because he was already wet and sad'. Prompt with: how would it feel if she had said it?

8. Any honest answer with a reason. Some children will say they would do the same again; that is a valid answer if reasoned, and is not a wrong one to mark down.

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