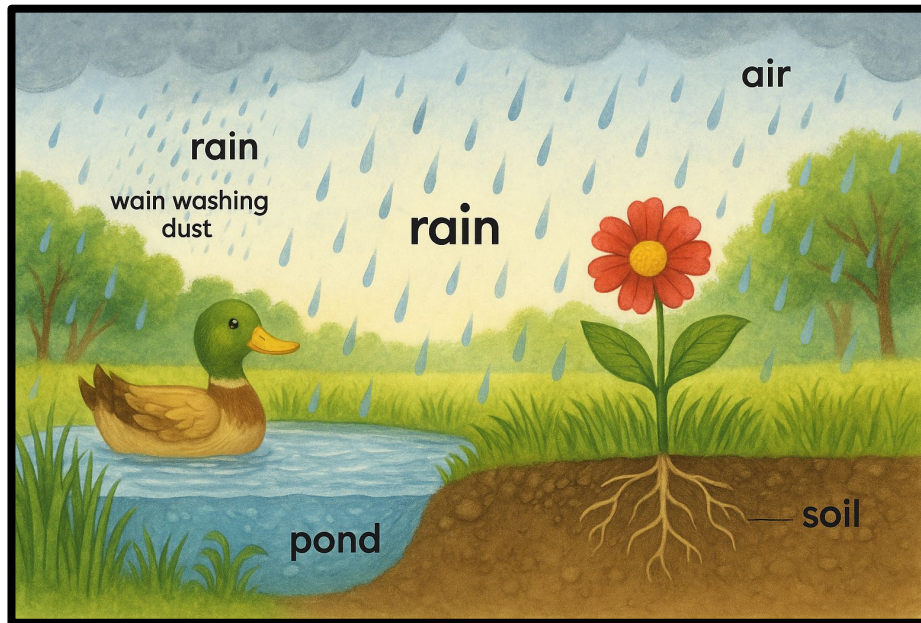


# Reading Comprehension Worksheet: Describe Text Connections

Read the short story and answer each question.



## How Rain Helps the Earth

Rain is water that falls from the clouds. It is part of the water cycle. Rain forms when clouds get full of water drops.

When it rains, the water falls to the ground. It soaks into the soil and helps plants grow. Trees, flowers, and food crops all need rain.

Rain also fills rivers, lakes, and ponds. Animals like fish, ducks, frogs, and turtles need these places to live.

Rain helps clean the air too. It washes away dust and smoke from the sky.

The connection between rain and living things is very important. Without rain, many plants, animals, and people would not have what they need.



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## How Rain Helps the Earth

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**1. What does rain help plants do?**

- A. Freeze
- B. Fall over
- C. Grow
- D. Turn yellow

**2. What happens when rain fills rivers and ponds?**

- A. The ground turns to stone
- B. Animals get new homes
- C. Birds fly away
- D. The sky gets darker

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**3. Fill in the blank:**

Rain soaks into the \_\_\_\_\_ to help plants grow.

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**4. What is the connection between rain and how animals survive? Use the text to explain.**

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**5. Why is the rain important to both plants and the air?**

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# Parent and Teacher Guide

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**Guide Reading Level:** I

**Lexile Level:** 240L-390L

**Grade Level:** 1st Grade, End of the Year

**Genre:** Informational Text (Earth Science)

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## Introducing the Text

*"Today we are reading about rain and how it helps the Earth. As we read, we'll look at how ideas are connected—like how rain affects plants, animals, and even the air. This will help us describe how information in a nonfiction text fits together."*

**Vocabulary:** rain, soil, water cycle, survive, soak

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## Before Reading Discussion Questions

1. What do you think happens when it rains?
  2. How does rain help things grow or stay clean?
  3. Can you think of animals that live in water?
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## During Reading Discussion Questions

1. What does rain do when it hits the ground?
  2. How do plants and animals use the rain?
  3. What else does rain help besides living things?
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## After Reading Discussion Questions

1. What is the connection between rain and rivers or ponds?
  2. What is one way rain helps people or the Earth?
  3. Why would rain be a problem if we didn't have it?
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## Activity Idea

Create a "Rain Helps" web with students. In the middle write "Rain" and draw arrows out to "plants," "animals," "air," and "rivers." Have students add a sentence or picture under each to show how rain helps. Then they explain one connection using their web.

