



Let It Rain!

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A young girl with dark hair, wearing a shiny blue and green raincoat, stands with her arms outstretched, looking up and smiling. She is holding a blue umbrella with white polka dots. The background shows a black metal fence and lush green foliage.

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- Let it rain!
- All living things need water.
- Rain brings us the water we need.



- ▶ Plants need water to live.
- ▶ Rain prevents plants from dying.
- ▶ Animals need water to live, too.
- ▶ Rain gives animals water to drink.



There are many kinds of rain.

A gentle rain is a shower.

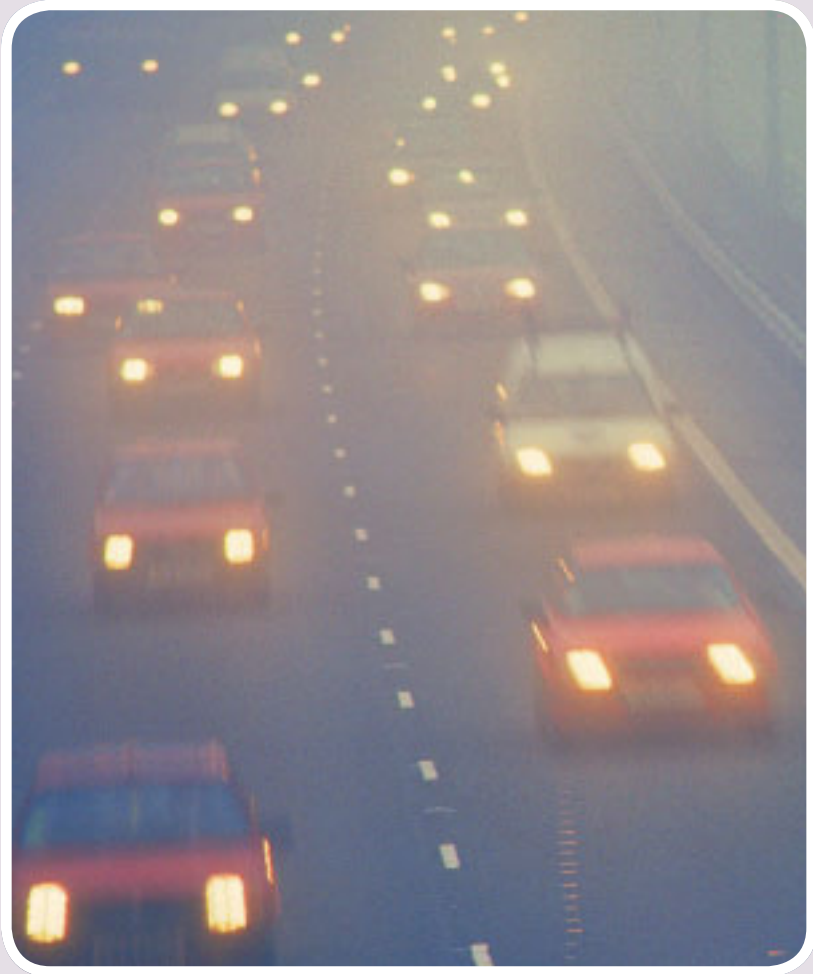
In a shower, a little rain falls in a short time.

A hard rain is a downpour.

In a downpour, a lot of rain falls in a short time.



- ▶ Mist is a light rain.
- ▶ The rain falls in such tiny drops that you might not even see it.



- ▶ A thunderstorm is very loud.
- ▶ You hear the sound of thunder.
- ▶ You also see **flashes** in the sky.
- ▶ The wind blows very hard.
- ▶ The wind may be **equal** to the speed of a fast car.



- ▶ In a thunderstorm, it often rains very hard.
- ▶ **Pounding** drops of rain **reach** the ground.



- ▶ A hurricane brings a lot of rain.
- ▶ The wind blows hard and trees **bend** to the ground.
- ▶ Tree branches can break and fall onto the ground.
- ▶ People should **beware** of fallen trees after a hurricane.



- 🔊 If it rains too much, there can be a flood.
- 🔊 In a flood, a lot of water covers the ground.
- 🔊 Floods can **damage** houses, cars, and plants.



- ▶ But most of the time, rain is good for the Earth.
- ▶ It is also good for plants, animals, and people.



Responding



TARGET VOCABULARY **Word Builder**

A synonym is a word that means the same thing as another word. For example, the word same is a synonym for **equal**. Copy and complete the chart below.

Word	Synonym
Equal	Same
Prevent	?
?	Hurt



Write About It

Text to Text Think of another book that you have read about a storm. Write a few sentences that tell about that storm. Use one or two words from the Word Builder.



TARGET VOCABULARY

bend

beware

damage

equal

flash

pounding

prevent

reach



TARGET STRATEGY

Visualize

Picture what is happening as you read.



Which vocabulary word rhymes with a word that means “money that you carry in your pocket”?

Level: I

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Strategy:

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2.2.8 Build Vocabulary

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