

Poetry task:

This week we are looking at the poem which is about the rain. Before you read the poem, look at the image below.



How does it make you feel?

Rain in Africa can bring a lot of devastation as well as bring a lot of joy. Can you make a pro and con list to explain why the rain is good or bad for the people and animals in Africa?

Then read the poem and note the mood in the poem. Is it positive or negative?

Your task is to try and make the poem positive about the rainstorm. Using the thesaurus, look for interesting words that will change the meaning of the poem. For example 'And an angry thunder raps earth's ears' could be changed to 'and an excitable thunder tickles earth's ears'.

Top Tip: Highlight the negative phrases first and then think of the alternative words you could use.

But sometimes when it rains
and an angry thunder raps earth's ears
with its hands of fire.

Sometimes when it rains
and a heartless storm rips
the poor man's house
like a stampede of elephants.



Sometimes when it rains
You wonder who sent the skies weeping

Sometimes when it rains
And an unbeatable spray falls
across your farmyard path.

Sometimes when it rains
and a streamlet swollen with watery pride
drowns your fields and tender tubers.



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