

Directions: Read these poems and answer the questions that follow.

Rain Sizes
By John Ciardi

Rain comes in various sizes.
Some rain is small as a mist.
It tickles your face with surprises,
And tingles as if you'd been kissed.

5 Some rain is the size of a sprinkle
And doesn't put out all the sun.
You can see the drops sparkle and twinkle.
And a rainbow comes out when it's done.

Some rain is as big as a nickel
10 And comes with a crash and a hiss.
It comes down too heavy to tickle.
It's more like a splash than a kiss.

When it rains the right size and you're wrapped in
Your rain clothes, it's fun out of doors.
15 But run home before you get trapped in
The big rain that rattles and roars.

Rain in Ohio
By Mary Oliver

The robin cries: *rain!*
The crow calles: *plunder!*

The black snake climbing
in the vines halts
5 his long ladder of muscle

while the thunderheads whirl up
out of the white west,

their dark hooves nicking
the tall trees as they come.

10 *Rain, rain, rain!* sings the robin
frantically, then flies for cover.

The crow hunches.
The black snake

pours himself swift and heavy
15 into the ground.

Use "Rain Sizes" to answer questions 1 - 6.

- Which statement describes the pattern of rhyme in this poem?
 - The first and third and second and fourth lines in each stanza rhyme.
 - The first and second lines in each stanza rhyme.
 - All four lines in each stanza have the same rhyme.
 - The first and second and third and fourth lines in each stanza rhyme.
- Which description of rain is a simile?
 - Rain comes in various sizes* (line 1)
 - Some rain is the size of a sprinkle* (line 5)
 - And a rainbow comes out when it's done* (line 8)
 - Some rain is as big as a nickel* (line 9)
- In line 4, the speaker uses a simile to compare the misty rain to --
 - someone's face
 - a kiss
 - a surprise
 - rainbows

4. Which phrase from the poem is an examples of onomatopoeia?
- Tickles your face* (line 3)
 - Put out all the sun* (line 6)
 - Run home before* (line 15)
 - Rattles and roars* (line 16)
5. Which image appeals to your sense of hearing?
- Some rain is as small as a mist.*
 - You can see the drops sparkle and twinkle.*
 - And comes with a crash and a hiss.*
 - It comes down too heavy to tickle.*
6. You can infer that the speaker in "Rain Sizes" --
- does not notice the rain
 - enjoys all types of rain
 - stays indoors when it rains
 - wishes the sun would come out

Use "Rain in Ohio" to answer questions 7 - 11.

7. In line 5, the speaker uses the metaphor "his long ladder of muscle" to emphasize the snake's --
- length and power
 - speed and cunning
 - size and dangerousness
 - scaling skin and strong back
8. Read lines 6 - 9.

"while the thunderheads whirl up
out of the white west,

their dark hooves nicking
the tall trees as they come."

What are the thunderheads being compared to?

- Tumbleweeds rolling
 - Wagons rumbling
 - Horses galloping
 - Trees swaying
9. Read lines 10 - 11.

"*Rain, rain, rain!* sings the robin
frantically, then flies for cover."

You can infer that when the robin sings "rain, rain, rain!" it is --

- expressing joy
- sounding a warning
- signaling its location
- looking for a friend

10. The metaphor in lines 13 - 15 compares the black snake's movement to --
- flowing liquid
 - distant thunder
 - heavy rains
 - the still air
11. What can you infer about how the birds and the snake feel about the approaching storm?
- Curious
 - Confused
 - Fearful
 - Happy

Use both selections to answer questions 12 - 15.

12. In both poems, the descriptions of rain --
- are scientific
 - include vivid imagery
 - use the same metaphors
 - have rhyming words
13. The Latin word *quiritare* means "to shriek or scream." What word in the poems comes from the word *quiritare*?
- Calls
 - Cries
 - Rattles
 - Roars
14. The prefix *co-* means "with," and the Latin word *operire* means "to close completely." What word in the poems comes from the Latin word *cooperire*.
- Cover
 - Crow
 - Ground
 - Home

After you have answered the questions, make sure you put your answers into the Google Form in Google Classroom!!