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4. “Rain in Summer”

by Henry W. Longfellow

How beautiful is the rain!

After the dust and heat,

In the broad and fiery street,

In the narrow lane,

How beautiful is the rain!

How it clatters along the roofs,

Like the tramp of hoofs!

How it gushes and struggles out

From the throat of the overflowing spout!

Across the window pane

It pours and pours;

And swift and wide,

With a muddy tide,

Like a river down the gutter roars

The rain, the welcome rain!

In the country, on every side,
Where far and wide,
Like a leopard's tawny and spotted hide,
Stretches the plain,
To the dry grass and the drier grain
How welcome is the rain!

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Comprehension Questions

“Rain in Summer”

Assess each student’s comprehension of the selection by asking him or her to respond orally to the following questions one on one with you:

1. **Literal** When is the rain welcome?
 - » after the dust and heat
2. **Literal** Where does the rain fall?
 - » in the street, in the lane, along the roofs, through a spout, across a window pane, down the gutters
3. **Inferential** If the rain is falling in the country in the last part of the poem, where is the rain falling in the first part of the poem? How do you know?
 - » in a city or town; the places the rain falls are found in a city or town—street, roofs (of multiple homes/buildings), gutters