

## Summer Rain

The worst days of any summers are the rainy ones. We spend all year looking forward to nice weather and long, hot days. All of winter, with its dreary gray days and bitter cold, we dream of those endless days at the beach, laying on the sand and soaking in the bright and burning sun. And then, summer comes, and it rains. As a child, I would wake up to rainy summer days and come close to crying. It wasn't fair. We suffered through months of school and miserable weather for those scant ten weeks of freedom and balmy weather. Any day that I could not spend at the beach or playing ball with my friends seemed like a punishment for something I didn't even do. On these rainy summer days, I had nothing fun to do and could only sit inside, staring out at the rain like a Dieterian or phantom. I was an only child so there was not one else to play with. My father worked from home, so I was not truly alone, but he could



not actively fight with me since he was technically at work. It was those days that I would resign myself to whatever was on television or any books that I could find lying around. I'd crawl through the day and pray each night that the rain would not be there the next day.

As an adult, though, my opinion of summer rains has changed. When you have to work every day, summer is not as eagerly anticipated. Mostly, the days run together, bleeding into each other so that they no longer seem like separate entities and instead feel like continuations of the same long day. Everything seems monotonous and dull, and an ennui or listlessness kicks in. Such a mindset makes you cheer for anything new or different. I complain about how hot it is. And then I look forward to the rain, because the rain brings with it a cold front, which offers a reprieve, admittedly one that is all too short from the torture of 100° and humid days. Rainy days are still the worst days of the summer, but summer

Rain today means positively beautiful and considerably cooler weather tomorrow

### Vocabulary

Child    niño / nina  
wake up    despierta  
Crying    llorando  
Winter    invierno  
soaking    remojo  
Freedom    libertad  
balmy    balsámico  
Oregon    oregoniano

Together    juntos/as  
Mindset    mentalidad  
To relieve    Aliviar  
Relieve    aliviar

1. The passage makes use of language that is

- A Metaphorical ✓
- B Rhetorical
- C Formal
- D Ambiguous

2. According to the passage, summer is different for adults because

- A Rain brings with it cold temperatures for the following days
- B The weather is much warmer than it is for children
- C They do not get a long time off from work for the season ✓
- D They better know not to occupy their downtime

3. According to the passage, which of the following is a true statement about the narrator as a child?

- A He or she was often bored on summer days
- B He or she preferred cooler weather
- C He or she liked staying indoors
- D He or she had no siblings ✓

4. Compared to how he or she was a child, the narrator as an adult is

- A more realistic
- B less excitable ✓
- C more idealistic
- D less calm



## Solución Homework

**language metaphor** A metaphor is a type of figurative language that expresses a comparison between two entities without using any comparison words.

**language Rhetorical** Rhetoric refers to the study and uses of written, spoken and visual language. It investigates how language is used to organize and maintain social groups, construct meanings and identities, coordinate behavior, mediate power, produce change, and create knowledge.

**language Formal** is characterized by the use of standard English, more complex sentence structures, infrequent use of personal pronouns, and lack of colloquial or slang terms.

**language Ambiguous** Describes speech that doesn't have a singular meaning but represents different ideas, objects or individuals. This makes language more efficient.

5. As used in the final paragraph, the word relieve most nearly means

- A A permanent conclusion
- B A short continuation
- C a higher level of pain
- D a temporary break** ✓

6. The author of this passage describes his or her feelings about rainy summer days. In general, how do you feel about such days? Do you agree with the author's opinions, or do you not mind this type of weather? Briefly explain your views below.

is a verb tense which is used to show that a completed action took place at a specific time in the past. The simple past is also frequently used to talk about past habits and generalizations.

## PAST SIMPLE TENSE

We use past to talk about:

1. Something that happened once in the past
2. Something that happened again and again in the past
3. Something that was true for some time in the past

Example: I lived abroad for ten years  
He enjoyed being a student  
She played a lot of tennis when she was younger  
I spoke with my friends that last night

In English you can find two kinds of verbs: regular and irregular. For that reason you have to know the next rules

1. Add -ed to the base form of most verbs

start - started  
finish - finished  
wash - washed

2. Add only -d when the base form ends in an e.

live - lived  
care - cared  
die - died

3. If the verb ends in a consonant + y, change the y to i and add -ed.

dry - dried  
rain - rained  
spy - spied

4. If the verb ends in a vowel + y, do not change the y. Just add -ed.

play - played  
stay - stayed  
destroy - destroyed



Subject	Auxiliary in the given form	Verb in present	Complement
I			
you			
He			
she			
it			
we			
they			
you			

Joana ~~did~~ ~~not~~ ~~eat~~ some apples yesterday  
 Joana ~~did~~ ~~not~~ ~~eat~~ some apples yesterday

Luisa forgot the homework  
 Did Luisa forget the homework?

### Aren't firefighters cool?

Yesterday I was playing videogames in my room when I heard people screaming. I went out and saw my neighbour's house was on fire. In less than 10 minutes the firemen arrived and fought against the fire for one hour until they made it down. They are really brave! One of them entered the house and saved the Johnson's dog that was trapped in the fire. I made a decision: I want to be a fireman when I grow up. I'll be strong and brave enough to fight against the fire to save people's lives and property. I can't wait! I can already see it in the newspaper: "Brave fireman rescued a family of four."  
 Mom will be really proud.