

Rain in Summer (excerpt) by Henry Wadsworth Longfellow

- 1 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!
- 2 How it clatters along the roofs,
Like the tramp of hoofs
How it gushes and struggles out
From the throat of the overflowing spout!
- 3 Across the windowpane
It pours and pours;
And swift and wide,
With a muddy tide,
Like a river down the gutter roars
The rain, the welcome rain!
- 4 The sick man from his chamber looks
At the twisted brooks;
He can feel the cool
Breath of each little pool;
His fevered brain
Grows calm again,
And he breathes a blessing on the rain.
- 5 From the neighboring school
Come the boys,
With more than their wanted noise
And commotion;
And down the wet streets
Sail their mimic fleets,
Till the treacherous pool
Ingulfs them in its whirling
And turbulent ocean.



MONDAY

Write each word next to its definition.

- | clatters | commotion | mimic | chamber | turbulent | wanted |
|----------|-----------|--------------------------------|---------|-----------|--------|
| 1. | _____ | noisy excitement and confusion | | | |
| 2. | _____ | a private room; a bedroom | | | |
| 3. | _____ | violent and rough | | | |
| 4. | _____ | customary or commonly done | | | |
| 5. | _____ | makes a loud rattling sound | | | |
| 6. | _____ | imitation | | | |

TUESDAY

Circle the word that describes the poet's tone. Write words or phrases from the poem to support your answer.

depressed

angry

frustrated

grateful

frightened

WEDNESDAY

Choose the correct answer.

1. "Ingulfs" is an unusual way to spell "engulfs." Use context clues from the poem to determine its meaning.

<input type="radio"/> (A) lifts up	<input type="radio"/> (C) makes loud noises
<input type="radio"/> (B) flows over or pulls under	<input type="radio"/> (D) dries out
2. Which of these does the poet compare rain to?

<input type="radio"/> (A) a spout	<input type="radio"/> (C) noisy schoolboys
<input type="radio"/> (B) tramping hooves	<input type="radio"/> (D) a sick man
3. What is the point of view of this poem?

<input type="radio"/> (A) first person ("I"/"we")	<input type="radio"/> (C) third person ("he"/"she"/"they")
<input type="radio"/> (B) second person ("you")	<input type="radio"/> (D) It cannot be determined.

THURSDAY

Write the number of the stanza that matches each summary below.

- _____ So much rain falls that it forms a river in the gutter.
- _____ Schoolboys rush out to play in the rain and sail toy boats in the street.
- _____ The rain makes a man who is sick with a fever feel better.
- _____ The rain sounds like horses marching on the roof.

FRIDAY

How does the poet feel about rain? Use phrases from the poem to support your answer.
