

Poem  
**01**

## The Rain

(W. H. Davies)

### Words and Expressions

beneath	–	under; underneath
come out	–	Appear
wondrous	–	charming; marvelous; wonderful
lovely	–	charming; beautiful
sight	–	scene; spectacle

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### Multiple Choice Questions

Choose the correct synonym.

- Giving the poor beneath / Drop after drop.  
A) over B) under  
C) near D) far
- 'Tis a sweet noise to hear.  
A) natural sound B) sharp sound  
C) low noise D) melodious sound
- When the Sun comes out...  
A) appears B) goes down  
C) disappears D) dims out
- After this rain shall stop.  
A) end B) stay  
C) start D) saturate
- A wondrous light will fill / Each dark round drop.  
A) strange B) penetrating  
C) mysterious D) charming
- It will be a lovely sight.  
A) scene B) melody  
C) sensation D) sentiment
- I hope the sun shines bright.  
A) bold B) clear  
C) brief D) happy

### Answers

1.	B	2.	D	3.	A	4.	A	5.	D	6.	A	7.	B
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### Questions and Answers

**Q.1** How can leaves drink rain?

**Ans.** Rain comes in cool refreshing showers and the world of nature seems to drink it eagerly. The sound of rain drops falling on leaves makes the poet feel as if the leaves were drinking rain. It is an example of personification – leaves drinking rain.

**Q.2** What does the poet hope in the poem "The Rain"?

OR

Why does W. H. Davies hope to have a lovely sight after rain? (Board 2007)

**Ans.** The poet hopes that the sun will rise after the rain stops, and the sunshine will fill the dark surroundings with a brilliant light. So, it will be a lovely sight. Symbolically the sun stands for the light of equality and end of exploitation.

**Q.3** How can a rainy day be enjoyed?

**Ans.** A rainy day can be enjoyed in different ways. People may go to parks with their families. They may bathe in the rain. Boys may spend a rainy day playing different outdoor games like cricket, football, etc. People may go on a long drive. And some friends may arrange a get-together and enjoy a party.

**Q.4** What kind of noise does the rain make?

OR

What impression does the sound of rainfall create on the poet? OR

(Board 2008)

How does the poet feel when he hears the rain falling on the leaves?

(Board 2015)

**Ans.** There is music everywhere in nature; every manifestation has its own soul-inspiring symphony. The falling rain-drops create a musical effect. The poet feels as if the leaves were drinking rain.



**Q.5 Give symbolic importance of "The Rain" in four to five lines.**

(Board 2010)

**Ans.** "The Rain" is a symbolic poem. The upper leaves of the tree represent the rich and the lower leaves represent the poor of the society. The sunshine symbolizes the day when the darkness of poverty will come to an end and there will be a fair distribution of the blessings of nature.

**Q.6 How does the rain fall on poor leaves?**

**Ans.** The rain falls on the poor and feeble leaves drop-by-drop. It first falls on the upper leaves, the rich, and then on the lower leaves, the poor, because they are not directly exposed to rain and the sun.

**Q.7 What does the word "poor" mean in the poem "The Rain"?**

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**Ans.** The word "poor" refers to the poor leaves which receive rain in drops. Symbolically, the word means poor people who always get the leftover, after the rich have reaped all the social, economic and political benefits and all the civic amenities.

## Explanation with Reference to the Context

**Stanza 1:**

I hear leaves drinking rain;  
I hear rich leaves on top  
Giving the poor beneath  
Drop after drop;  
'T is a sweet noise to hear  
These green leaves drinking near.

**Reference:**

These lines have been taken from the poem "The Rain" by William Henry Davies.

**Context:**

"The Rain" is a symbolic poem in which upper leaves of trees represent the rich and the lower leaves represent the poor of the society. The sunshine symbolizes the day when the darkness of poverty will come to an end and there will be a fair distribution of the blessings of nature.

**Explanation:**

These lines depict a scene of nature and the feeling of the poet. The sound of the rain drops falling on the leaves seems as if leaves were drinking rain. The leaves on the top are rich as they have the maximum of rain while the leaves beneath are poor because they get rain drop by drop. The words 'rich' and 'poor' also refer to the gulf between the rich and the poor. Nature appears kind and beneficent. The rhyming lines at the end of each stanza enhance the musical effect of the poem.

**Stanza 2:**

And when the sun comes out,  
After this rain shall stop,  
A wondrous light will fill  
Each dark, round drop;  
I hope the Sun shines bright;  
It will be a lovely sight.

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**Explanation:**

The poem is about two blessings of nature i.e. rain and sun. The poet is delighted to see and hear the sights and sounds of nature bathing in the rain. He hopes that after the rain, the sun will shine and brighten the whole surrounding. The word 'dark' in this stanza refers to the darkness of poverty and misery in the world. The poem ends with an optimistic note that a time will come when this darkness will disappear and the gulf between the rich and the poor will also come to an end.