

# A Letter to God – Summary Notes

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 **Main Character:** Lencho



- **Who is he?** A poor but hopeful farmer.
- **What does he want?** Rain for his crops to grow.
- **What happens?** His crops are destroyed by a hailstorm.
- **His belief?** He has unshakable faith that God will help him.

## Plot Overview

1. **Beginning:**
  - Lencho hopes for rain.
  - It starts raining, which he thinks will bring a good harvest.
  - He compares the **raindrops to new coins** (important symbol).
2. **Twist:**
  - The rain turns into a **hailstorm** and destroys all the crops.
  - Lencho and his family are heartbroken. They fear **starvation**.
3. **Faith in God:**
  - Lencho writes a letter to God asking for **100 pesos**.
  - He posts the letter, trusting that **God will answer**.
4. **Post Office's Role:**



- The **postmaster** is surprised and touched by Lencho's faith.
- He collects money from employees and sends it to Lencho.
- Only **70 pesos** are sent (as they couldn't collect 100).

1. **Lencho's Reaction:**
  - He gets angry and writes another letter to God.
  - He thinks the **post office staff stole** part of the money.
  - He asks God **not to send money through the post office** next time.

## 🟡 Important Themes (Frequently Asked in Exams)

Theme	Explanation
<b>Faith and Belief</b>	Lencho's strong faith in God never wavers, even after the storm.
<b>Irony</b>	Lencho doubts the very people who helped him.
<b>Humanity and Kindness</b>	Postmaster and employees show kindness by helping a stranger.
<b>Nature and its Power</b>	Nature gives (rain) and takes away (hailstorm).

## 👉 Character Sketch (High Importance for Long Answers)

- **Lencho:**
  - Hardworking and hopeful.
  - Deep faith in God.
  - Innocent but emotionally strong.
- **Postmaster:**
  - Kind-hearted.
  - Moved by Lencho's faith.
  - Uses his position to do good.

## 💡 Symbolism (Common in MCQs & Short Answers)

Symbol	Meaning
<b>Raindrops = Coins</b>	Rain brings hope for wealth (good crops).
<b>Hailstones = Curse</b>	Nature's sudden destruction.
<b>Letter to God</b>	Pure faith in divine help.

## ? Possible Exam Questions

1. **Short Answer Type:**

- Why did Lencho consider the raindrops as coins?
- What did Lencho write in his letter?
- How did the postmaster respond to Lencho's letter?

2. **Long Answer Type:**

- Describe Lencho's faith in God and how it affects others.
- What role does irony play in the story?
- What values are reflected in the story through the post office staff?



## **Quick Revision Points**

- Lencho = Hope + Faith
- Hailstorm = Loss of livelihood
- Letter = A call for help
- Postmaster = Symbol of humanity
- Ending = Ironic twist